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* GANGES	4396	T. F. Creery	13th "
R.L. AUSTRALIA	6901	I. Reeves	20th "
* CARTHAGE	5126	M. DeHorne	27th "
R.L. INDIA	8000	R. P. Brisoe	3rd April.
* GANGES	4396	T. F. Creery	10th "
R.L. PENINSULAR	5287	W. A. Wheler	17th "
* CARTHAGE	5126	M. De Horne	24th "
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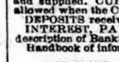

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The Company's Surveyor will attend at the Victoria Dock where the cargo is now being discharged at 10 A.M., on MONDAY next, the 1st March, to survey the Cargo, and Shippers and Owners of Goods, shipped in the S.S. "Caledonia" as above or any other persons claiming an interest therein are requested to attend at the Victoria Dock at the time named or to make an appointment for the purpose o survey either on MONDAY or TUESDAY next.

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I. M. SHIELDS,
Superintendent, P. & O. Company

Bombay, 26th February, 1897.

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Bombay, 27th February, 1897.

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REMOVAL of SAND and CLAY from Creeks and Rivers in the Thana District; except the places specially reserved in the Thana Yard.

2. Tenders should be sent so as to reach the Huzur Deputy Collector, Thana, before 12 Noon (Madras Time), on MONDAY, the 8th March, 1897.

3. The Tender should be for the whole District.

4. Every Tender must be accompanied by a Currency Note of Rs. 10 if the amount Tendered be below Rs. 1,000 or by one of Rs. 100 if the amount be over Rs. 1,000.

5. On failure to make the necessary deposit or to execute the necessary security bond and agreement within 15 days of acceptance of a Tender, the deposit accompanying it shall forfeit to Government.

6. Should the amount Tendered be not reasonable, the contract will be put at once to auction subject to confirmation by the Collector without cancelling the Tenders.

7. The conditions of sale can be ascertained in all the Mamlatdars' and Mahalkaris' Kacheries in this district and any further information required by Tenderers will be supplied on application to the Huzur Deputy Collector during office hours, except on Sundays and general holidays.

8. The Collector does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

A. G. KOTWAL,
Huzur Deputy Collector.

Thana, 20th February, 1897.

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V. H. SHIKHARE.
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Alibag, 30th January.

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Dividends for Year	£42,550	
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3. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
ACTING GENERAL STOREKEEPER
General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 16th Feb., 1897.

NOTICE.

WITH a view to preventing the BUBONIC FEVER, which is now committing such ravages in Bombay, spreading to Hyderabad where many people are fleeing for safety, the Government of His Highness the Nizam are adopting other precautionary measures. These are:—

(1) The detentions at Wadi of all Second and Third Class Passengers, from Stations west of Wadi, for a few hours, to admit of a thorough examination and the treatment, by duly qualified Medical Officers, of any one found to be ill. Females will be attended to by a Lady Doctor. First Class Passengers, being few in number, are examined immediately on the arrival of the trains, and passed at once, or detained for treatment, as may be considered desirable.

(2) Registers are maintained at Wadi Station of all passengers coming from the Bombay side, and of their addresses while here. This will enable the local Medical Officers to have passengers under observation for a week or ten days, so that any case of illness can be at once attended to and approved methods of disinfecting used to prevent the spread of the contagion.

(3) All Through Booking to Stations on the Nizam's Guaranteed state Railways from Stations west of Wadi is strictly prohibited. Fresh tickets must therefore be purchased at Wadi.

(4) The importation into Hyderabad Territory of any foodgrains from Poona or any Stations west of Poona is prohibited. Any such consignments of grain will not be permitted to pass the Customs Houses.

(5) There is a Refreshment Room at Wadi Station and also a Dharamshala, so that all classes of passengers can be accommodated during their enforced stay there.

It will be seen that His Highness' Government are endeavouring to make the restrictions as little irksome as possible, considering how grave is the danger that threatens. But the effect of these measures will be considerably neutralised unless passengers of all classes co-operate with the Government, and thus render unnecessary any resort to more stringent measures. All passengers are, therefore, earnestly requested to frankly and truly answer all the questions put by the Medical Officers at Wadi and also at Vikarabad, for the earlier a case is taken in hand the greater the chance of recovery.

HORMASJEE N. VAKEEL,
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Bombay Races, fourth day.
Byculla Club Cup day and ladies' tiffin.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.
B. V. parades.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 20m., Sun sets, 6h. 5m. High water, 8-16m., 10-17s. Low water, 3-49m., 3-19s.
Bombay Foxhounds meet, Bamanwady.
H. V.A Corps Carbine Association matches at Coorla.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Satrungee entered, and the steamer Brahamani left the dock on Thursday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Clydesdale entered, and the steamers Rannus, Pantikola, and Vindobona left the dock on Thursday.

REQUIEM MASS.—On Monday, 1st March, there will be a *Requiem* Mass, at 7-30 a.m., in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Dabul, for the repose of the soul of the late Julio Ribeiro, M.A.

WILSON COLLEGE LECTURES.—The students of the Wilson College are reminded that the College lectures in all classes and in all subjects will be resumed on Monday, 1st March, at the usual hours.

POLICE APPOINTMENT.—Inspector Saunderson has been appointed to act as Superintendent of Police, D Division, in place of Superintendent McDermott, who has gone on privilege leave for two weeks.

BURGLARY AT BHENDY BAZAR.—Dubchund Khushal, a Marwaree money-lender, having his shop at Bhendy Bazar road, has reported to the police that during his absence between the hours of 1 and 7 p. m., on Thursday last, his shop was broken into, and Rs. 78 stolen from a box, which was also forced open.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Mauritius, St. Maurie Tamatave, Reunion, Delagoa Bay, Natal, Cape Colony, Transvaal, Oranze Free State, and Rhodesia via Quilcapin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 6 p.m., to-morrow (Sunday).

LECTURE ON PLAGUE.—A public lecture will be delivered by Dr. Virji Jeena Raval in English at the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Bombay Branch, 37, Hornby Road, Fort, to-morrow (Sunday), at 5 p.m. Subject: "The Plague: Its scientific and psychical treatment."

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.—Brigadier General Galaetz, accompanied by a Staff Officer, will proceed to Santa Cruz, on Monday next, to visit the Bombay Light Horse and the Bombay Volunteer Rifle Corps, at their Musketry Meeting.

SUSPECTED DROWNING FATALITY IN THE HARBOUR.—Mr. J. Anderson, engineer in charge of the Port Trust Workshops, reported to the police on Thursday night that his father-in-law Mr. David Jolly, aged seventy-three years, a Port Trust pensioner, had been missing from home since half-past 5 o'clock that evening. Mr. Anderson suspected that the old man might have fallen into the sea, as the ramshoe on duty at the gate stated that he never saw the missing man leave the premises. Superintendent Ingram was informed and Inspector Lee-Smith had the sea dragged near the house, and a handkerchief belonging to the old man was found, but the body could not be traced.

CARRIAGE COLLISION.—About 6 o'clock, on Thursday evening, a carriage, belonging to one Rungdina Gokuldas, was being driven along the Clerk road, when near the Railway level-crossing the horse attached to the carriage took fright at a passing carriage and bolted. Mr. Rungdina, who was in the carriage at the time, jumped out, and in doing so fell and sustained slight abrasions to his head and legs. The animal in his rapid career ran the carriage between the tram-cars that were then standing in the Jacob Circle, with the result that the driver, who stood firm on the coachbox, was thrown off his seat. The horse then got loose and bolted, but was secured without any further harm being done. The tramcars were considerably damaged, but the carriage very slightly.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY OFFICIAL REPORT

In the course of the week ending 20th instant slight rain fell in a few talukas of Bijapur, Belgaum, and Dharwar and in the Akalkot State, but it has not materially affected the general situation.

The progress statement of relief measures shows the daily average number of relief workers during the week under report to be 271,537 as compard with 237,057 and 245,019 respectively in the two preceding weeks. Additional estimates amounting to Rs 58,456 for local relief works in the Nasik District have been sanctioned, and Executive Engineers have been authorised, subject to the approval of the Superintending Engineers, to incur any necessary expenditure on hutting, temporary hospitals and other structures connected with the work. The staff of Hospital Assistants for relief works has been increased and the temporary employment of six Assistant Surgeons for duty in the famine districts has been sanctioned Additional Special Officers have been appointed for large works in the districts of Poona, Ahmednagar and Satara, and further allotment of Rs 5,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Collector of Ahmednagar for the improvement of the water-supply. Several new works have been added to the famine programme for Dharwar The following words have been added, with the approval of the Government of India, to Section 82 (payment of relief works) of the Famine Code:—

"But the Famine Commissioner or the Divisional Commissioner may authorise weikly payments when he is satisfied that this course will not inconvenience the people employed Very gr at difficulty has been experienced in collecting the small coin required for payment of wages twice a week; and as the labourers in many cases make their purchases on bazar pay once a week, there will often be no inconvenience in making weekly in stead of half weekly payments. Such orders have been for some time on relief works. The officers of the Sanitary Department have continued their inspection of relief works in the different districts. On one work in Khandesh there were 101 weavers, who were found to be in good condition, except those advanced in age. On the Taosi Tank relief work in Belgaum the working as well as non working children and nursing mothers were found to be in good health, while among the children the small were proportioned unfit for hard work and were recommended for lighter work or special treatment The health of workers in the Nasik District is also favourably reported on. A few case of cholera occurred in one camp in Bijapur in the 20th instant, six in one camp in Ahmednagar, one in Poona, and two in Nasik, and the requisite steps were taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The number of persons relieved gratuitously in villages or poor-houses has increased from 16,402 in the preceding week to 17,317 in the week under report. An allotment of Rs. 15,000 has been sanctioned for expenditure on kitchens in the Bijapur District, and permission has been granted to utilise the arches in the outer enclosure of the Ibrahim Roza at Bijapur for the purpose of a poor-house. A sum of Rs. 20,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Collector of Ahmednagar for doles to inferior village servants under Section 60 of the Famine Code, and Commission are have been authorised to allow the payment of the cash equivalent of the dole to such servants weekly or monthly in cases in which this course is considered desirable. As inferior village servants in alienated villages are of assistance to the Police Department, it has been directed that on such servant in very alienated village should be granted the dole under Section 60.

The statements show the progress of operations for the supply of grass to the affected districts during the week ending 13th instant. The people in the Nasik District have been permitted to utilize the leaves of anjan trees in the forests as fodder for cattle.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY THE 26TH OF FEBRUARY 1897.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased briskly to rapidly in Gujarat, Central India, and at Jeypore, Delhi, Lahore, Sirsa, Agra, Jhansi, Khandwa, Bombay and Ahmednagar, and has been steady or has changed only slightly elsewhere. Readings are highest in Sind, and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderate to slight. Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been fresh to light. This morning the wind velocity was 10 miles an hour at Allahabad. The maximum temperature is in very large defect of its normal at Rajkot, Bhuj Deesa Jeypore and Sirsa and the minimum is in large defect at Neemuch, Indore, Deesa, Bhuj, Rajkot, Khandwa: Jeypore, Ajmere and Karachi. The highest temperature in the shade was 103° at Cuddapah, and the lowest 40° at Neemuch. Humidity changes are very irregular, and the skies are cloudy at Sirsa, Delhi, Jacobabad, Malegaon, Bangalore and Bellary. There has been no rain at any of the reporting stations. The weather in Cutch, Gujarat Kathiawar and on and off the Konkan Coast is in rather an unsettled condition.

W. C. NIGEL JONES
Acting Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, FEB. 26.

Friday:—The barometer is falling except over the Peninsula and some central districts. A fresh depression is apparently approaching North-West India and a slight depression is passing through Gujarat. With these exceptions conditions are similar to those reported yesterday. Readings are remaining highest in North West India and lowest in North East India. Winds remain westerly and north westerly over Northen India and northerly over North Bombay, but have drawn into east over the Central Provinces Westerly winds are blowing strongly in West Bengal and Behar. The mean temperature has risen slightly in Bengal and Burma and fallen elsewhere. the change having been very rapid in the Central and North West Provinces. The mean temperature is Excessive in Burma, Assam, Bengal and Madras, but below normal elsewhere; more particularly in Gujarat, Central India, Sind and Rajputana where the abnormal deficiency is about ten degrees Showers have fallen in Assam but no other rain to tell.

THE Bengal season report for the week ending the 20th instant states that there was good rain in the south-west and east of Bengal, Orissa and Chota Nagpur, which has to some extent benefited the rabi and facilitated ploughing for the autumn crops. Spring rice is doing well. The harvesting of the rabi and the gathering of opium have begun in Behar. The fodder supply is generally sufficient, but the want of drinking water is beginning to be felt in some districts. The numbers on relief works rose by nearly 27,000; while those receiving gratuitous relief increased by 4,000. The grand total was 438,400, exclusive of 40,000 on private relief.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before Sir CHARLES FARRAN, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice FULTON.)

THE CORPORATION AND ITS DRAINAGE CONTRACTORS.

T. A. BULKLEY AND ANOTHER VS. THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

THEIR lordships delivered judgment yesterday. This was an appeal by Messrs. Bulkley and Co., the well-known contractors, from a decision given by Mr. Justice Tyabjee, on the 10th August last. Mr. Lowndes and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Crawzie, Lisle, and Owen, appeared for the plaintiffs and appellants, and Mr. Inverarity, and Mr. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Burder and Co., appeared for the Corporation, the respondents

Sir Charles Farran, in delivering his judgment, said: As Mr. Inverarity for the respondents in this appeal has questioned our jurisdiction to deal with the cross objections filed on behalf of his own clients, and with the questions raised by the grounds of appeal filed on behalf of the appellants, it will be convenient although we have already expressed our opinion upon the objection, to state the circumstances under which we have allowed these questions to be argued before us for the purpose of our adjudication upon them. When the case was at hearing in the division court, and after that hearing had proceeded for some time, the parties by their counsel came to an agreement that the defendants should call their evidence as to the order in which the work was measured up and paid for, and the reason for adopting that order, and that the plaintiffs should cross-examine, and the defendants should re-examine the defendants' witnesses upon the above subject, and that there should then be arguments on the issues thereafter specified on both sides, the defendants opening and the plaintiffs replying it being assumed for the purposes of argument on that a sum oldest sum was due to the plaintiffs on the 25th February 1895 under the contract. By consent issues 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, and 36 were to be determined by the court after the arguments, as arranged, and then heard. Reference to certain documentary evidence was to be made as far only as it related to those issues. After that arrangement, the trial proceeded upon the above issues in accordance with its terms. The object of that agreement, judging from the form in which the arguments took and the nature of the issues which the learned judge was asked to decide, appears to have been to raise by way of demurrer, the question whether the plaintiffs' suit was in any event maintainable, and in the event of that question being decided against the defendants, to have certain findings made which would clear the ground and enable the Commissioner to take certain accounts, the result of which would determine *interalia* whether the assumption or hypothesis upon which the arguments proceeded, were correct or not. That arrangement left it open to the plaintiffs to establish the other issues which were raised for the purpose of showing that there were other causes, than the nonpayment of money by the defendants, which, according to their contention, absolved the plaintiffs from a strict observance of their obligations under the contract. The division court gave effect to defendants' demurrer and dismissed the suit as not maintainable even upon the assumption or hypothesis upon which the arrangement was founded, but, at the same time, in accordance with the same arrangement, it found upon the issues upon which it was agreed that there should be a finding This is a convenient course which is frequently adopted both in the division courts, and also in the High Side of the High Court to avoid the expense and delay of a remand on a further appeal in the case of the lower court erroneously dismissing a suit upon a preliminary issue. The plaintiffs appealed from the decree of the division court which dismissed the suit. The respondents by cross objections objected to the judges finding upon the third issue which determined the basis upon which the account above referred to was to be taken. The respondents also filed cross objections object to any other of the findings of the division court. These in fact were in their favour. When the appeal came on for hearing, it was suggested to be doubtful whether the respondents cross-objections having regard to the position in which the case stood could (if the appellants objected) be dealt with at that stage. The appellants were also dissatisfied with the finding of the division court on the 3rd issue, and did not confine their objection to its findings upon the other issues against which there had been no appeal. Under these circumstances the court recorded the following arrangement which was come to by counsel:—"The parties are agreed that the objections taken by the respondents do not properly come within the main scope of the appeal, but that it is desirable if the appellants succeed in their appeal that they should be gone into and that the appellants should be allowed to add to their memorandam of appeal an objection to the findings as to the measurement of the manholes. It is accordingly agreed that this court shall decide the question raised by the appeal in the first instance, and that in the event of the appeal being successful, the appeal be set down for further hearing on the cross objections and the fresh grounds of appeal on a subsequent day. Neither of the parties to be precluded from objecting to the proceedings of the division court upon the remaining issues except those on which it has found nor does either party desire to do so. They must be taken, so far as this court is concerned, to be finally determined. They are on the 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 29th and 31st issues. This court acceded to the above arrangement. Subsequently, by its judgment of December last, it allowed the main appeal, and the respondents cross appeal from objection to the proceedings of the division court upon the remaining issues except those on which it has found nor does either party desire to do so. They must be taken, so far as this court is concerned, to be finally determined. They are on the 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 29th and 31st issues. This court acceded to the above arrangement. Subsequently, by its judgment of December last, it allowed the main appeal, and the respondents cross appeal from objection to the proceedings of the division court upon the remaining issues except those on which it has found and stood over for further hearing on the 19th February instant, upon the questions which it was agreed that it should decide, when Mr. Inverarity, who had then succeeded Mr. Macpherson in conducting the appeal for the respondents, raised the foregoing objection. At the same time he expressly stated that he did not desire to withdraw from the arrangement which Mr. Macpherson had on behalf of his clients entered into with regard to their respective appeals. It was agreed to determine the remaining questions raised upon the appeal. We ruled that the consent of the parties given in the foregoing manner justified us in doing so. We also thought that we had juris diction to proceed under Section 561 of the Criminal Procedure Code, The appeal was accordingly further argued upon the agreement-points, and we now proceed to give our judgment upon them.

His Lordship proceeded to remark that he question before the court was, under what circumstances were the plain iffs entitled to interim payments for the work which they had done? This depended upon a solution of what was meant by "company's measurements" in clause 72 of the contract upon the correct interpretation of the 72nd clause of the contract. The plaintiffs, the contractors, at an early period in the progress of the works, put forward the contention that they were entitled to have all work actually done each month measured up and paid for. They sent in their monthly bills upon that footing. The defendants' Engineer contended that they were not entitled to be paid for anything but such work as the contract terms mentioned and his contentions were referred to the Municipal Commissioner and he decided against the contractors' construction of the contract and in favour of that of the Engineer. The parties being absolutely at variance as to the interpretation of the contract from the beginning no assistance in construing it could be derived from their conduct. Though the word 'complete' was employed in some instances, it was used merely to indicate that the rate fixed for certain items was the rate for each items in *situ*, and that no additional rate was to be paid for fixing them. The key to the interpretation of clause 71 in the Colaba contract was, to his lordship's mind, to be found in clause 72 and in clauses 3 and 88 of the contract. Corresponding clauses would be found in the Umerkhadi contract. Clause 77 of the Queen's Road contract might also with advantage be referred to in this connection. Clause 72 in substance indicated that a stretch of pipes between two manholes was to be considered as a work within the meaning of clause 71, but was not complete for the purpose of interim payments till the trench was filled in and consolidated and the manholes at either end were finished. To his lordship's mind that was decisive as to the meaning of the word 'work' as used in clause 71. It meant a determined and definite portion of the whole work, which afforded a limit for measurement and payment. Clause 88 confirmed this view. The whole undertaking was divided into (a) laying pipe sewers with junctions and metal flaps, (b) construction of manholes in pipe sewers, (c) construction of automatic flushing tanks, (d) erection of metal vent-shafts. In his lordship's opinion clause 72 indicated that in the case of a single automatic flushing tank, or a single metal vent-shaft was the proper unit of measurement for interim payments. There was nothing in clause 72 to disentitle the contractors to payment unless the line of main pipe included the manhole. His Lordship agreed with the division court that it did not. The manhole and the pipe drain were classed as different works. For the respondents it was contended that it was not open to the court thus to construe clause 72, as the matter had been finally dealt with by the Municipal Commissioner, under clause 31 of the contract. In his lordship's opinion, the contention was unsustainable. As to payments for excavations the division court appeared to have made a slip, and thought that there was a separate rate for excavating and filling in. The excava ing rate included both. In his lordship's opinion, the contractors were not entitled to be paid for excavation of a stretch opened for a pipe 'until the filling in of that stretch was completed and consolidated, and so not for excavation for a manhole until such filling in as was required round the main had been so completed. It appeared to his lordship that the contractors were, at the end of the month after such completion, entitled to have them measured for interim payment without having to wait until the Engineer should see fit to measure sides and water tests. His lordship could not see why the contractors were not intitled to treat them as complete for in erim payments. The Engineer waived his practice and right of residing such lengths while the process of consolidation was going on. Payments stood, his lordship thought, just in the same position as if he had ex rcised his right during the progress of the work. His lordship said he had considered all the questions arising in the case. There might be other questions arising in the taking of the accounts. It was impossible to anticipate all difficulties. If such did arise the Commissioner must himself deal with them subject to review upon his report being submitted.

Mr. Justice Fulton, who delivered a separate judgment, concurred with the Chief Justice.

THE Punjab Government have cancelled the issue of famine allowance to public servants in the Peshawar and Jullundur divisions, as the prices of grain have fallen to twelve seers per rupee.

THIS fall in prices is likely to be general in the Punjab, now that the rabi harvest promises so well. It is cert in to have some effect also on the N.-W. P. and Oudh.

A DINNER was given in Berlin, on Feb. 9, at the house of the Minister of Finances, at which the Emperor w s present. After dinner at which a number of Parliamentarians were guests, the Kaiser (a *Chronicle* telegram says) delivered an address on the development of the German, Russian, and French fl ets, with a remark on the growth of the commercial marine. He also permitted the Finance Minister to dist ibute among the members of the Reichstag who were present copies of his well-known picture bearing the words, "Nations of Europe, protect your holiest possessions." The *Tageblatt's* news that during the conversation the Kaiser dec ared it necessary that the three so-called national parties—Conservatives, Free Conservatives and Na ional Liberals—should unite, but with what object in view we are left in doubt.

REVIEWS.

SOPHONISBA OR the PRISONER OF ALBA, by E. DERRY (Digby, Long and Co., 18, Bouverie St., London). This volume contains verses on every possible subject, treated with varying degrees of enthusiasm. The first poem, on an episode at the close of the Second Punic war, presents us with Hannibal, Masinissa, Sophonisba, and others. It rises to the dignity of Cantos, and aims at the heroic. Unfortunately the verse does not flow as it ought. Take this for example:—

Perceived a tender streak in her pale cheek,
A tinge of ruby-red upon her lips.
And swiftly she got a decoction soak,
And with it those fair lips she often steeps,
And soon reward for her wise leechcraft reaps,
The potent herb through all her veins swift runs,
And from death's shades that young fair life it wons."

The choice of words is taken from the stores of the past as well as the familar slang of the present. We find in this heroic poem "affixon," "fand," "dig it," "squireen," "margent," "abye," "westing" "bash" and so on. Where so many verses present singular conceptions of poetry it is difficult to select one that is characteristic, but the following is a fair average:—

And made the horn before the cattle sound
Whose bray resounded through the echoing wood.
The sensechal the gate wide open *pooed*;
He asked, "Who dared that shrilling horn to sound?"
And at the numerous band he gaped astound."

This struggle between a lion and a python is an event in natural history as well as a feat in verse:—

So furiously they meet upon the plain,
For neither will in any event maintain,
Nor doth the python cease nis folds to strain.
Nor from the dread encounter seek to budge.
First beleching forth of stinks a foul deluge,
Strikes he against the lyon swoops away
But rallying swift, the python seeks to slay.
Baulkin z his stings, ath wart his slippery back
The lyon springs, and buries deep his fangs.
An t ploughs ten gohannels in his fierce attack,
As gro n threws he long-ravelly bangs,
In mortal pain th ground the serpent bangs,
While deluges of black and fetid blood,
Gaura up the soil in stinking, stifling mud.

"Richard, Coeur de Lion" is the longest poem in the collection, and we find Zenobia visiting a music-hall "Or its poor pioneer at that da k day." and many other inconsequent proceedings. In "The Faerie Queen, or rather its south book and eighth canto on "Mutability" we are told that "the first and second stanzas of this work are by Edmund Spencer." We rub our eyes and wonder if we have not hitherto underrated the ambition and gifts of the author. Some of the short poems are pretty specially those describing scenery.

Wide from the terraced height the circle sweeps,
Pastures and bowery woods and mountain steeps,
Girdle of loveliness surpassing thought.
Nature hath here her utmost triumphs wrought.
Long, far-famed city, lustre of all lands,
Treasure of art and language naught avails,
Splendour and majesty and beauty joined.
Insolente, astonish, calm the mind.

But higher than this the author do s not soar. It is said by philosophers that poets sing only for each other, that the world in general minds them not. To what poets does Mr. Derry address his verse?

WIDE ASUNDER AS THE POLES by ARTHUR CRUMP (Longmans, Green and Co. London, New York and Bombay). This story is evidently its author's first attempt at novel production. We are introduced to the family of a not very successful manufacturer in Berkshire, the members of which do not attract us in the very least. Sordid, vulgar unamiable, uneducated, there is not a redeeming feature among them. The father of the family, the most frankly disagreeable of the group, is perhaps for that very reason the least objectionable. Desirous of extending his business, he sends his second son to Sweden to make new arrangements for getting a supply of saw dust for his paper factory. The young man enters society far better than he has been accustomed to, though his first escapade, on an unmanageable horse in a procession at the head of which rode the King of Sweden, did not promise well, for he collided twice with his Majesty and both riders fell to the ground. The Swedish family to whom he has letters of introduction, is such a contrast to his own that he falls in love with one of the girls, Pauline, a perfect being, and at a ball at the Palace, to which he is invited, proposes for her and is eventually accepted. It is impossible to account for Pauline's giving an affirmative answer, unless the difference in nationality blinded her to the very common nature of her suitor. The course of their lives is as unsatisfactory as it well could be. If the book were a real picture of life one would be indignant over the fate of Pauline, but the whole story is too absurdly improbable to be taken seriously. The author destroys our confidence in his judgment by his utter misapprehension of character. He calmly describes a man as "a perfect gentleman," whose conduct and manners would disgrace a very ordinary groom, and his women, whom he declares are not in the least vulgar, could not well be more so. The Berkshire family, who are not in any degree refined or cultivated object to the Swedish relative on the ground that she could not possibly be a lady, that because she lived in a cold country she would come among them clad in rough sheepskins, and rubbed over with train oil. Even the sprinkling of conversation in Swedish does not prompt us to consider the book realistic. The final scene which we hoped would remedy in some way the faults of all concerned falls flat and is an utter failure.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE gives the public full value this month. "Campaigning with Grant" takes us round with that General from Spotsylvania to the North Anna and will be continued. "Places in New York" by Mrs. S. van Rensselaer, with many illustrations, shows us that great town at its best. "Monotypes," an art paper, with reproductions of some famous monotypes is vividly interesting to the lover of old things. "The Battle of Copenhagen" by Alfred T. Mahan, with pictures, maps and portraits, is an exhaustive account of the great sea-fight and all connected with it. "An Inland Venice" describes a place off the line of the tourist march, not far from Berlin, where one can wander about in a boat, and see "a quiet, queer, most delightful community in all Northern Germany, . . . on the water turnpike between the Swedish villages of Burg and Luebbenau." "In the Desert with the Bedouin" by R. Talbot Kelly, is a contrast in its subject to the preceding article. It is a view of the Bedouin in their picturesque aspect by an artist who wandered amongst them in search of material, and found it. "Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker," moves on another stage. "The Author of Rory O'More" is the title of a paper giving some amusing and interesting recollections of Samuel Lover by his daughter. "Miss Selina's Settlement" is a lively short story. "A Tropic Climb" by Julian Hawthorne describes the way the author spent the first day of the New Year in Jamaica. "A Man and Some Others" by Stephen Crane, is a good fierce story. Marion Crawford finishes "A Rose of Yesterday." "Billy and Hans" a true and pathetic story of two fascinating squirrels by a man who evidently loves and understands animals concludes the chief contents of this most excellent number.

MACMILLAN for February finishes "The Secret of Saint Florel." A critique on "East Coast Etchings" which we reviewed in these columns some six months ago, gives much that is interesting about the Malays both those of Pahang and Kelantan. An article dealing with the sympathy or antipathy between literature and music, is pleasantly instructive. "Political Parties in America" is a fair apergu of Republicans and Democrats from the time when America became independent. "The Two Priests of Konnoto" is a disheartening, though no doubt true sketch of the difficulties that missionaries struggle against in Dahomey. "Vanishing Paris" treats over the demolition of the picturesque, and the effacement of individuality in the streets of Modern Paris. "The Flying Bishops" is an amusing description of a kind of flying-car that may or may not have existed. "An Epoch on Rumbling Creek" will be pleasant reading for fishermen. A historical account of "The Coldstreams Guards" winds up this number of Macmillan.

ST. NICHOLAS for February will delight the young folk as much as ever. There are three short stories: "A Siberian Scare," Ao Gan's New Year's Celebration," and "The Tale of the Discontented Weathercock." Four stories are continued. The delightful paper, "An Alarm of Fire by Telegraph" is the very thing to please and inform boys of what they are always longing to know. "Willie and Tad Lincoln" a chatty recollection of the two sons of Abraham Lincoln follows a paper describing the birthplace of that President. The Riddle Box continues to be filled and emptied by numbers of little brains. The pictures are up to the usual standard. Rhymes and fairy tales besides diversify the contents.

MESSRS. BLACKIE AND SONS, 50 OLD BAILEY LONDON have issued the WARWICK SHAKESPEARE, edited by different students of Shakespeare. We are told in the preface that this is an attempt to present the greater plays of the dramatist in their literary aspect and not merely as material for the study of philology or grammar. All criticism is withheld except what helps the appreciation of the essential poetry. The introduction to each play deals with the dates and literary history. Each editor is responsible for the play entrusted to him and he has from his point of view given an analysis of the dramatic motive and character of the work. In the Notes all unfamiliar expressions and allusions are adequat ly explained and the dramatic value and relation to the whole of each scene is pointed red. The volumes, of a very handy size, are each provided with a Glossary an essay upon Metre and an Index. The text is based on the Globe edition of Shakespeare. Eleven plays are already out and three more in preparation. The volumes are published at a price that places them within the reach of everyone.

THE third edition of a handbook on FLAX, TOW and JUTE SPINNING by PETER SHAND has been published by James. P. Mathaw and Co. Dundee. The book is a valuable one and has been a long and as a work of reference by the City and Guilds of the London Institute for the advancement of Technical Education. Practical men give it high praise, and it has long held the field in the spinning branches of which it treats. The author was a practical spinner of much experience, and finding there were no printed works on Flax, Tow and Jute Spinning, and that people who needed instruction on these matters had to manage as best they could with oral instruction, which in technical details is necessarily very imperfect, he determined to embody in this book the knowledge he had acquired in years of experience for the benefit of the public. In this edition the information has been carefully revised and brought up to date, and sixteen new diagrams or machinery have been added to the illustrations.

WE have received a copy of DANOVARO'S POCKET GUIDE to BOMBAY. It is written in English French and Italia, is printed in gold letters on tinted paper, and contains a list of the sights which visitors should see on arriving in Bombay, with the chief hotels and principal shops. Special houses are recommended in the different trades. Suggestions are made of places outside Bombay which the visitor to India should visit, with mention of the places of note in each. The principal hotels in the large towns visited by tourists in India are also given and some of the steamboat companies with their general times of sailing. A short Indian postal table winds up this little publication which the compiler undertakes to distribute gratis at Brandi, Marseilles, and Port Said to all passenger steamers bound for Bombay. A monthly circulation of 1000 copies is guaranteed.

ARITHMETIC for HIGH SCHOOLS by GOPAL KRISHNA GOKHALE, B. A. (Macmillan and Co. London, Bombay and Calcutta.) This very excellent work has now deservedly reached its fourth edition. The clear explanations given at the head of each chapter in good fair print make it a valuable help to the students. The examples worked out are of different degrees of complexity, thus again offering assistance to the pupil when his master is not at hand. The chapter on Elementary Mensuration and the Examples illustrating it make the process perfectly plain. At the end of the book are answers to all the problems.

DIVINE SERVICE.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-40 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.—Choral. Creuisekhank in E flat.—Hymns—Introit 313, Ave Verum 378.
4-45 p.m.—Catechising.
5 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 213, 251 and 186. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Simper in F.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m. Holy Communion at 7-45 a.m. on
Saturday, February 27.
5-30 p.m.—Communicants' meeting.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

8 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

BOWEN MEMORIAL CHURCH.
(Above the Bank of Apollo Hotel.)

Rev. Isaac F. Row—Pastor.
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Services.
8-15 p.m.—Wednesday—Service.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Wantby Road, Esplanade.)

8 a.m.—Rev. T. Currie, M.A.
Psalm 18 and 19, 71 and 83.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
6-15 p.m.—Wednesday—Meeting for Bible Study in Manse.
6-30 p.m.—Choir practice.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art.)

Incumbent—Rev. C. S. Gilbert.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 212, 181 and 197.
6 a.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 210, 207 and 224.
The offertories for church expenses and poor relief.
Tuesday, March 2
Intercessory Service.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)

11 a.m.—Mr. A. Brown.
6 p.m.—Rev. J. Findlater.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
(Braille Victoria Gardens)
9-30 a.m.—Rev. J. Findlater.
6 p.m.—Mr. A. Brown.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
Marthi Services—10-0 a.m. and 4-30 p.m. Rev. S. Rahator.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, and Sermon by Rev. A. H. Bolton.—Hymns 223, 123 and 125.
4 30 p.m.—Service for the Young.
6 a.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. H. Dixon.—Hymns 30, 247 and 33.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 a.m.—Hol y Eucharist (Choral) with Sermon by the (Rev. Father Gardner.
11 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral and Sermon by the Rev. C. H. Walker.
Alms for Organ and Choir.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Local Time.)

8-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.—Hymns 208 and 317.
10-30 a.m.—Children's Service.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 210 and 277.

SAINT NICHOLAS SEAMEN'S CHURCH.
SUNDAYS.

7 a.m.—Matins.
7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral).
4-30 p.m.—Children's Service.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
WEEK DAYS.
7 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. THURSDAYS.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

8 a.m.—B. R. and C. I. Railway Institute, Parel.
6 p.m.—St. Andrew's Church, Fort.
Evening Service—Psalm 121; Hy. 234, 2nd tune; Par. 49-10, tune 91; Hymn 227, 2nd tune.
The Hymn of The Home Land.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
(Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba.)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Parish Service.—Hymns 4, 210 and 215.
6 p.m.—Children's service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 187, 198 and 224.

ST. STEPHENS' CHURCH, BANDORA.

10-45 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BELASSIS ROAD.
(Opposite Byculla Club.)

9 a.m., and 6 p.m.—Services conducted by Rev. H. G. Bairoll will preach.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School with Bible Class.

A Lecture will be delivered at the Church Mission Hall, Thakoordwar, this evening at 6 o'clock by the Rev. W. H. Dixon, M.A. Subject.—The Home and Family.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, Feb. 12.

ARRIVALS REPORTED.

Mr L. D Walsh, C.I.E. do — Lieut H. L Stanbia
Capt F G H Davies —

GRANTED EXTENSION OF LEAVE.

Mr A R Barrow, B. 6 mot — Capt J F Williams 2 mos
Mr H M Cox, B. 11 Sept. — Lieut C F Vallentine, 4 mos
1897
Mr G Grahame, B. 1 week — Lieut A C Elliott, 3 mos
Mr W H Cole, B. till Sept 30, — Lieut F C Daly, 3 mos
1897
Mr R H Man, B 3 days — Lieut H G W Chandler, 6 mos
Capt E V B Cane, C.H. 1 days — Lieut C A Bruce, 6 mos
Capt E L Holloway, 3 mos — Bt-Lt-Surg-Lt-Col H J Hadlett, 6 mos

PERMITTED TO RETURN TO DUTY.

Mr G L Weldon, B.C.S — Capt J W Foley
Mr A Moredith, B.C.S — Capt C S Henly
Mr W G Hemingway, B — Capt J O S Rayner
Mr H Grahame, B — Capt F W Bruit
Mr C G Bayley, B — Capt C Schofield
Mr C H Wollaston, B — Capt H K Whitfen
Mr A G Campagnac, B — Lieut F W Smith
Mr W F Reyland, Bo — Lieut W A Fraser
Lieut Col E G Barrow — Lieut H S Shaw
Major A G F Brown, D.S.O — Lieut H H Ford
Capt F W Daniell — Lieut J C Campbell
Capt J. W G Hutchinson — Surg Major W A Sykes
Capt W C Lockhart-Muro — Asst Surg G F Henderson

INDIA OFFICE, FEB. 5.

The Queen has approved of the following promotions among the officers of the Indian Medical Staff and Service, and admissions to the Staff Corps, made by the Government of India:—

Indian Staff Corps—Majors to be Lieutenant Colonels—G F Francis, J W Weir, and A Mathes—Captains to be Majors—H J M Milnes, G F Watson, C J Andrews, C Stevens, W R Yeilding, D S Cleeve, H E Lowry, A C Bryce, Maxwell J H Bond—Lieutenants to be Captains—N T Parker, S R Morton, D S Bulit, E L Sullivan, D M Bowie, R M Ball, H I Dunlop, P S Bevan, H C Gwynne, C G Bruce, and A D Herbert, H Vickers, and A J W Brewis—To be Lieutenants—Lieuts A O Lash from the Munster Fusiliers; R St Vane, from the Northumberland Fusiliers; W H Gillum, from the Royal Berkshire Regt; D I M'Neile, R A, W Oates, from the Leinster Regt; W J H Hunter from the Gloucestershire Regt; and Lieut J Hodgkinson, from the Sherwood Foresters and C F R Dalrymple-Hay, to be Sub Lieutenants. The following Sub Lieutenants from the Unattached List:—W M Fortham, H Henderson, J Young, L Slator, I A Kebie, C C I A Hutchinson, W P N Hickey.

In an Medical Service—To be Brigade-Surgeon and Lieutenant Colonel—Surg Lieut Col C Walters, Bombay Establishment.

To be Surgeon-Majors—Medical Department—Senior Assistant Surgeons with the honorary rank of Surgeon-Majors—Captain Thomas Fleet, Bengal Establishment; Captain Stewart Smyth, Bengal Establishment.

The Queen has also approved of the restoration of the following officer from the Half Pay List to the Effective List:—

Indian Staff Corps—Maj T A F R Hilfield.

The Queen has also approved of the retirement from the Service of the following officers:—

Indian Staff Corps—Col J B Watts, and Lt Col C W Walker.

Indian Subordinate Medical Department—Senior Assistant Surgeons with the honorary Rank of Surgeon-Majors—Captain Joseph Leopold, Bengal Establishment, and M A Hartly, Madras Establishment.

The Queen has also approved of the resignation of the Service by the following officer:—

Indian Staff Corps—Lieut G Mobrely.

The following appointments have been made to the Staff in India:—Lt Col H D Hutchinson, C.S.C, to be Director of Military Education, Bombay, vice Col R C Hamil

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 26.

ALTHOUGH the virulent fever epidemic has almost disappeared from the native quarter of the town where it originated, it has meantime spread to other localities, and the position of trade in this city, owing to this and the other causes which continue to militate against a revival of business is virtually unchanged. There has been rather more enquiry for Cotton, however, both from exporters to Europe, and shippers to Japan, and though local consumers have latterly made a few purchases they have been generally out of the market, and many Mills remain silent for want of labour. In Wheat and Seeds hardly any business for export has transpired and both markets are practically closed, with quotations nominal. The course of Exchange has, with slight fluctuations, again been downward, and rates this evening close 1/8d. lower for Bank Bills, and 3-32d. for Credits than they ruled last Friday evening. Money is still scarce, but in less demand. Government Paper has advanced 5-16ths per cent. for 3½ per Cents; but is nominally unchanged in the other denomination. The Share Market remains closed. Freights have been quiet with a very limited business passing; but to-day the feeling has become steady with rather more doing for Continental ports. Very little has been done in Imports, and prices generally are nominal, while stocks, in the absence of the usual offtake, are increasing week by week.

MONEY.—Although Money remained very scarce during the week covered by the Presidency Bank's Statement of Affairs issued on Monday, the feeling in the market was quiet, and as far as the Bank itself was concerned, the figures put forward disclosed an accession to the Cash Balance of nearly 33¼ lakhs, at 12 1/16 lakhs compared with an increase of some 15 lakhs, in the week preceding. A further return was shown of over 233-4 lakhs to Private Deposits out of the previous heavy withdrawals, and Loans had diminished by 1½ lakhs, the net falling off in the demand, reduced by a slight increase in Bills Discounted, having been some 38½ lakhs, as against a diminution in the previous week of 28½ lakhs in the same direction. The position of Government Deposits had not changed very materially, considerable withdrawals from the Bank's head office having been counterbalanced partly by payments at the branches, the net diminution having been 4¼ lakhs.

Money, meantime, has been scarce, but with less demand for accommodation, and the tone of the market has been very quiet. The minimum rate of the Bank of Bombay, and that outside, is still 12 per cent.

EXCHANGE opened last mail-day with a firm feeling at 1s. 3 7-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 11-32d. for three months' sight Credits. 1s. 3½d. was reported done in the former class of Paper for cash, to a small extent; but Merchents' Bills were scarce. Quiet in tone on Monday the market opened at 1s. 3 3-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 5-16d. for three months' sight Credits, a moderate amount of Wire Transfers having changed hands at 1s. 3 3-16d. and a few Bills reported placed at 1s. 3 5-16d. 1s. 3 1-8d. was quoted on Tuesday for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 9-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was upon a very limited scale and few Merchants' Bills were offered. 1s. 3 1-8d. was again the quotation at opening on Wednesday for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, while 1s. 3½d. was named for three months' sight Credits. There was very little business passing either way, and the rate for Bank Wire Transfer receded 1-32d. Yesterday 1s. 3 1-8d. continued to be the rate for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 9-32d. was quoted for three months' sight Credits. A small amount of Merchants' Paper was placed at 1s. 3½d., but the business passing was very small. Bank Paper was reported taken to a small extent at 1s. 3 5-32d., but the demand in this direction was very limited. This morning the market opened quiet at 1s. 3½d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 3½d. for three months' sight Credits; the Bazaar were buyers at the former rate, and there was a decline of 1-32d., all round, though, at the close 1s. 3 1/8d. for Demand was available. The market closed quiet as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 3 3-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 3 3-32d.	"
Do. 3 months' sight	1s. 3 5-32d.	"
Do. 4 do.	—	"
Do. 6 do.	—	"
Credits 3 do.	1s. 3½d.	"
Do. 6 do.	1s. 3 1-32d.	"
Documents 3 mos' sight	1s. 3 9-32d.	"
Do. 6 do.	1s. 3½d.	"
Francs 3 do.	160 1-2	"
Do. 6 do.	161 1-2	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Quotations for 3 1-2 per Cents last mailday were 99½ for Cash and 99 5-8 for the next Settlement, but in the absence of business these were nominal, as well as 96½ for Three per Cents. The market opened on Monday nominally at 99 for Money, and 99 3-16 for Account, for 3½ per Cents, but 99¼ and 99 3-8 in the two positions, respectively, were afterwards quoted. Three having been called 96¾. There was still no business to speak of passing in this market on Tuesday, and the quotations throughout the day were 99¼ for 3 1-2 per Cents for Cash, 99 3-8 for the coming Settlement, and 96 1-2 for Threes. The market remained very quiet on Wednesday in the absence of any business to speak of. Rates for 3½ per Cents, which were quoted at opening at 99 5-8 for Money and 99 3-4 for Account, were afterwards called 1-16 per cent. higher, in both positions 96 3-4 having been named for Threes nominal. Yesterday the quotation for 3 1-2 per Cents was 99 1-8, both for Cash and the Settlement, and 96 3-4 for Threes, nominal, but the market remained in the same inanimate state. There has been no new feature in the market to-day as to business, which has been almost *nil*; but quotations for 3½ per Cents. have been put up to 100 1-4 for Money and Account; with 97 nominal, quoted for Three per Cents.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan is unchanged at 130. In Port Trust Bonds, also, there is no change, at 110.

SHARES.—The continued absence of any dealers and brokers who left Bombay on the breaking out of the epidemic causes this market to remain closed; and quotations are still nominal.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—Every week which elapses adds to the very heavy stock of Goods which has accumulated on the spot. The up-country dealers are still away from Bombay, and though some of those most hardly pressed return here, they go away again after a very short stay. The business doing in this market cannot be called regular, as there are hardly 50 shops open, and these for a few hours a day only. Rates are quite of a nominal character. No dealers in *Locally-made* Goods have kept their shops open; but some transactions are being put through, deliveries being made at the Mill Godowns. The clearance of *Imported Goods* from the Bazaar during the week are estimated about 700 packages; and of *Local* about 300 bales.

YARNS.—There is nothing doing in *Imported Twist*, and prices are nominally unchanged. In *Bombay Spinnings* a moderate business is reported in the China markets at steady rates. Exchange having fallen a little at Hongkong. The business doing here is next to *nil*; there is no disposition on the part of buyers to enter into fresh transactions, and there are hardly any brokers who can put business through. The market closed quiet, at the following official quotations, no sales having been reported during the week:—

Twist	No.					
"	8s	Mule,	As.	4¼ to	4¾	per lb.
"	10s	"	"	4¾ "	5¼	"
"	12s	"	"	5 "	5¾	"
"	16s	"	"	5¾ "	6¼	"
"	20s	"	"	6¼ "	6¾	"
"	24s	"	"	6¾ "	7	"
"	30s	"	"	7¼ "	8¼	"
"	40s	"	"	8 "	8¾	"

EXPORTS.

COTTON was quite at the close of last week, with very little business passing in any direction, but without any movement in prices; but on Monday a better enquiry was felt, chiefly from European exporters—though shippers to Japan were also buyers to a small extent—and some 2,500 to 3,000 bales changed hands. Meantime an improved demand has arisen both form shippers to Europe and to Japan, and quotations, more particularly for Broach, have advanced, while for Bengals they have declined somewhat. Latterly the Mills have again been buyers to a small extent, but a number of them still remain closed from the difficulty of obtaining labour. This evening the market closed steady with prices Rs. 2 per candy higher, with the exception of those for Broach, which are unchanged; but only a small amount of business has been reported to-day.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the past week have been 48,800 bales, compared with 54,700 bales to hand in the previous week, and 65,200 bales in the corresponding week last year; and the falling off in receipts of new Cotton this season compared with last is now 303,000 bales.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission, viz.:—

Cotton—		Per candy	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Mar.	Rs. 154	2 31-32d.
Do. Fully Good	do	" 142	2 25-32d.
Do. Good	do	" 135	2 21-32d.
Belatee, Fine	do	" 160	3 1-16d.
Do. Fully Good	do	" 152	2 15-16d.
Khandesh, Fully Good	do	" 156	3 1-32d.
Oomra, Fully Good	do	" 174	3 9-32d.
Dhollera, Fine	do	" 166	3 5-32d.
Do. Fully Good	do	" 176	3 5-16d.
Do. Good	do	" 172	3d.
S'G Bharwar Good	Apl & May	" 159	2 7-16d.
Western	do	" 172	2 19-32d.
Broach, Fine	Mar.	" 162	2 31-16d.

THE arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay, this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season 1896-97.	Season 1895-96.
	F. P. Bales.	F. P. Bales.
Bengals	102,500	235,000
Berar	138,000	273,000
Khandeish	139,500	210,500
Barsi and Nuggur	23,500	52,500
Hingunghat	8,500	12,500
Persian and Sind	2,000	20,000
Broach	46,500	57,500
Dholleras	16,500	49,000
	607,000	910,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1897. Bales.	1896. Bales.	1895. Bales.
For the Week	50,093	65,783	32,160
From 1st Jan. to 25th Feb.	372,112	502,087	238,555
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the Week	14,815	27,983	10
From 1st Jan. to 25th Feb.	87,672	170,092	47,902
Clearances to Calcutta, China, Japan, &c.			
For the Week	45,231	23,599	452
From 1st Jan. to 25th Feb	141,790	56,666	18,643

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—In the absence of most of the dealers and native brokers, and the reluctance of European shippers, to enter into fresh transactions, in the present position of affairs, these markets have remained practically closed, hardly any business for export having been reported, the few transactions which have transpired having been in forward contracts between native dealers. Prices are nominal to a great extent.

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	27,210	100,763	24,159
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	123,422	556,730	481,089
Linseed for the week	2,589	273,977	156,090
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	31,421	675,697	590,648
Rapeseed for the week	4,414	0,031	14,200
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	25,481	48,172	119,556
Gingellyseed for the week	43,277	58,755	35,485
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	157,201	510,777	419,338

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	...	450	7,768
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	811	85,877	110,126
Linseed for the week	6,027	50,395	13,012
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	78,801	217,627	241,352
Rapeseed for the week	6,001	11,000	1,508
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	55,123	191,603	180,312
Gingellyseed for the week	5,001	28,501	36,208
Do. from 1st January to 25th February	73,407	413,097	333,480

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Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 7th November, 1896, on 140·57 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	,000	7,900	20	10,920
Or per mile of Railway	22	56	...	78
For previous 18 weeks of half-year.	59,411	1,02,193	2,375	2,54,181
Total for 19 weeks	62,411	2,00,095	2,565	2,65,101
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	4,002	15,411	29	19,462
Per mile of Ry. do.	35	134	...	169
Total to corresponding date do.	57,566	1,83,909	1,211	2,21,786

OPIUM REVENUE.

The opium revenue to date compared with the Estimates for the year 1896-97, up to 11th Feb., 1897 are as follows:—

	1897. Bengal.	1897. Bombay.	Total.
Estimate	42,38,000	12,50,000	54,88,000
Actual	35,61,325	11,91,000	47,52,325
Better than Estimate	...	...	...
Worst than Estimate	5,60,675	96,000	6,56,675

Eleven sales of Bengal opium and ten months' pass duty on opium exported from Bombay.

	To end of Feb. 1897. Bengal.	To end of Jan. 1897. Bombay.	Total.
Estimate	4,61,75,000	1,40,00,000	6,01,75,000
Actual	4,50,22,025	1,11,38,975	5,61,61,000
Better than Estimate	...	...	...
Worst than Estimate	14,52,975	28,61,025	1,430004.

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Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 22nd January, 1897, on 461 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,05,000	1,55,000	4,000	3,74,000
Or per mile of Railway	228	338	8	594
For previous 2 weeks of half-year.	2,78,000	3,37,000	9,000	6,24,000
Total for 3 weeks	3,83,000	5,02,000	13,000	8,98,000
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,08,373	2,56,822	10,164	3,55,369
Per mile of Ry do.	235	514	22	771
Total to corresponding date do.	3,71,447	8,04,335	18,059	11,93,841

Decrease for the week.....Rs. 81,369
Ditto to date..... " 2,95,541

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(Week ending 8th February 1897.)

Description.	1897.	1896.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate Dec.
Miles Open	752	752	...	...	...	...
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Passengers, &c.	42,778	51,259	...	8,481	...	18,443
Parcels, &c.	63,766	54,911	8,855	...	...	5,319
Goods						
Other earnings	2,888	3,689	...	681	...	3,780
Total for week	1,09,432	1,09,719	...	257	...	...
Aggregate	6,13,3-6	6,41,358	...	...	...	27,502

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 20th February, compared with the Statement of 13th February, 1897:—

LIABILITIES.	Feb. 13. Rs.	Feb. 20. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	62,00,000	62,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	41,35,418	30,77,835
Do. do. at Branches	21,13,743	27,45,511
Other Deposits	2,68,10,478	2,96,95,337
Post Bills	12,330	8,460
Credits, undrawn	16,55,554	17,24,283
Rs.	5,09,27,823	5,34,51,317
Assets.		
Government Securities	1,09,91,046	1,08,54,938
Other authorised Securities	39,38,720	38,38,128
Credits, on Govt, and other authorised Securities	56,85,354	57,32,396
Loans do. do. do.	1,35,22,953	1,23,06,272
Bills Discounted and purchased	82,21,603	84,93,166
Dead Stock	4,12,416	4,12,416
Stamps and Stationery	22,087	22,044
Bullion	...	2,71,022
Balances with other Banks	1,38,982	1,21,20,955
Cash	37,78,683	
Rs.	5,09,27,823	5,34,51,317

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 16th February, 1897, as compared with the Statement of 9th February, 1897:—

LIABILITIES.	February 9. Rs. A. P.	February 16. Rs. A. P.
Capital paid up	2,00,00,000 0 0	2,00,00,000 0 0
Reserve Fund	76,00,000 0 0	76,00,000 0 0
Public Deposits, &c.	1,81,15,492 13 10	1,54,46,977 3 8
Other Deposits, &c.	4,18,18,318 3 1	5,35,55,780 6 11
Bank Post Bills, &c.	4,16,430 14 7	2,93,014 7 6
Sundries	15,09,880 1 11	16,43,577 4 11
Rs.	9,90,61,120 1 5	9,85,32,348 7 0
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	28,27,919 0 0	27,51,383 6 6
Other authorised Invtmts.	60,05,830 4 0	60,05,030 4 6
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities	2,44,69,731 1 5	2,48,42,712 1 9
Accounts of Credit do.	2,24,56,178 11 1	2,22,21,372 1 5
Bills Discounted, &c.	1,25,66,125 7 5	1,26,03,183 8 2
Balances with other Banks	6,90,985 9 6	11,75,988 2 3
Bullion	2,439 11 4	2,259 1 4
Dead Stock	13,11,341 7 10	13,22,944 9 2
Stamps	10,444 12 5	10,(9) 0 0
Sundries	11,72,057 6 11	11,14,835 3 2
Cash, &c., at Head Office	1,18,31,095 14 0	1,24,12,727 12 2
Do. at Branches	1,57,45,981 2 9	1,35,63,679 10 11
Rs.	9,90,61,120 1 5	9,85,32,348 7 0

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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THE CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

STATEMENT BY LORD SALISBURY.

LONDON, FEB. 26.

In the House of Lords, last night, Lord Salisbury read a despatch which, he said, had been sent yesterday evening to the Foreign Cabinets embodying the policy of the Government, viz.:—

"That Crete should be autonomous, but to remain a portion of the Turkish Empire, and that if Turkey and Greece refused when required to withdraw their forces from the Island, the Powers should impose their decision by force."

Lord Salisbury said he believed his proposals were in accord with the views of the Powers, and explained that it was not necessary for the Turks to withdraw immediately, but that they would have to withdraw ultimately with the exception of a handful of troops which would remain as a mere indication of the Sultan's sovereignty.

REPORTED RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM TO GREECE.

It is currently reported that Russia has sent a separate ultimatum to Athens requiring Greece to withdraw her troops and fleet from Crete within three days, otherwise the Russian Government will have to resort to the sharpest reprisals.

THE BRITISH MISSION TO ABYSSINIA.

In the Commons, last night, Mr. Curzon, replying to a question, said that the British mission goes to Abyssinia to assure King Menelik of our friendly intentions, and to endeavour to promote amicable political and commercial relations, and to settle certain questions which have arisen between the British authorities in the Somali Protectorate and His Majesty's Governor of Harrar.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE QUESTION IN INDIA.

The agitation to reimpose in some form the Contagious Disease Act is gaining strength in London, and an influential Committee is being formed to press the matter.

LORD ROBERTS INTERVIEWED.

Lord Roberts, in an interview, to-day, with Reuter's representative, said that he was very glad to have an occasion to express his views on the subject. His Lordship said it was a great pity that India was interfered with by the House of Commons in this matter, as it was absolutely necessary to preserve the health of the European soldiers in India.

The Government of India, he said, should have the power to deal with venereal disease, and treat it as any other loathsome disease of man or woman. He believed that those suffering should be examined, and if diseased, required to go to hospital or quit cantonments, and he sincerely hoped the question would be pressed on the Government and the present system stopped.

SIR HENRY CUNNINGHAM INTERVIEWED.

Sir Henry Cunningham who was also interviewed by Reuter's representative, said that the statistics of the last three years justify the foreboding that the repeal of the Cantonment Rule would produce deplorable results and he trusted that with strong public feeling we should be able to restore the policy of supervision and control.

THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT.

The first battalion of the Suffolk Regiment has been ordered to South Africa to relieve the Mounted Infantry.

THE MAILS.

SUEZ, FEB. 25.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Ballarat, with the outward mails of the 19th instant, left here, at 10 p.m., to-day for Aden.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 26.

Home Department—Mr. H. G. Taylor, 1st Assistant Superintendent, Port Blair, is granted one year's furlough.

The services of Lieutenant D. G. Pease, 2nd Bombay Infantry, are placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner, C. P., for employment as Officiating Cantonment Magistrate, Kamptee.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. E. Gouldsbury, Cantonment Magistrate, Forozepore, is granted furlough for two years, out of India.

Revenue Department—The services of Veterinary Lieutenant J. Laughlin are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department.

Veterinary Captain R. H. Ringe, A. V. D., is appointed C. V. D., N.-W. P.

The services of Captain C. C. D. Morice, Survey of India Department, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department.

Lieutenant H. J. Hare, R. E., is appointed to the Survey of India Department as Assistant Superintendent, Second Grade.

Lieutenant A. H. B. Hume, R. E., has also been appointed Assistant Superintendent, 2nd Grade.

Foreign Department—Mr. Hendrick de Veye to act as Consul for the Netherlands, Rangoon.

Finance and Commerce Department—Mr. C. Harrison, Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, is granted privilege leave for a month and 26 days. Mr. W. H. Michael to officiate in his place; and Mr. G. C. Ray for Mr. Michael.

Mr. H. Farrer is appointed to be Deputy Director-General of the Post Office of India.

Mr. G. S. Curtis, I. C. S., Bombay Establishment appointed to officiate as 2nd grade Post-Master General and is placed in charge of the Madras Circle.

Public Works Department—Mr. L. Briscoe is appointed to officiate as Traffic Superintendent, E. B. S. Railway, vice Mr. Chamberlain, on furlough.

Mr. R. G. S. Savory Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, State Railways, officiates as Junior Consulting Engineer at Nagpore, vice G. V. Martyn, appointed to officiate as Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta.

FIRE IN A MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENT.

At 11-30 a fire broke out at the Bon Marche Millinery and Dressmaking Establishment in Chowringhee, owned by Messrs. Cullington and Company. Some natives passing by at the time saw smoke issuing from the ventilators, and two minutes later the doors took fire and an immense flame burst out, lighting up the locality.

The fire brigade was telegraphed for, but did not arrive for half-an-hour, by which time the whole place was gutted. Three hoses were then attached to the Dhuramtollah tank, and the fire was out in about twenty minutes.

The damage is considerable, though not yet estimated.

BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce was held, to-day, at the Hon. Mr. P. Playfair presiding. In accordance with a notice circulated to the members, the meeting was adjourned to the 12th March.

BENGAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The final of the Bengal Lawn Tennis Tournament was played, this afternoon Mr. R. A. Gamble, defeating Mr. J. H. Heckle by 3 sets to 1.

Mr. Gamble will play Mr. H. W. Davies, of the East Surrey Regiment, the holder of the championship, to-morrow.

THE WHITTAKER CASE.

THE MOGLAI POLICE AND WITNESSES.

SECUNDERABAD, FEB. 26.

On the court assembling to-day Mr. Templeton made two applications: First that Ruth, ayah, whose evidence was about to be taken, should be asked whether she had not all along been in the custody of the Moglai police and prevented from seeing even her husband; and, secondly, to go round the court house to verify common knowledge that all native witnesses were in custody. He wished to do this because the witnesses came into court and swore they were not in custody, whereas everybody knew they were. His Honour expressed his inability to accede to either request, and then Ruth went on to give evidence. In answer to Mr. Lowndes, she practically repeated what she said at the former hearing, and in reply to cross interrogatories, said nothing of interest. Court sits at half-past six o'clock each morning.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEB. 26.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty:—Major Sandwith, Staff Corps, second-in-command, 8th Bombay Infantry, for one year (pension service twenty-first year commenced 28th April, 1896).

Captain Anderson, Staff Corps, Assistant Commissary-General, and Commissariat Storekeeper-General, Bombay, for one year (pension service fourteenth year commenced 25th August 1896).

Lieutenant Camberlege, Staff Corps Wing Officer, and Adjutant, 23rd Bombay Rifles, for one year (pension service eighth year commenced 21st September, 1896). Captain Hayman, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 21st Bombay Infantry, for six months (pension service seventeenth year commenced 13th April, 1896).

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—

Staff Corps—Captain (temporary Major) Cahusac, 21st Bombay Infantry, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Bombay District, 6 months, on private affairs, out of India, under Rule 1 of Furlough Regulations of 1875.

20th Hussars.—Lieutenant Gosset, 4 months, on private affairs, out of India.

Royal Artillery.—Lieutenant Nixon Eckersall, 35th Field Battery, 6 months, on private affairs, out of India; 2nd-Lieutenant Brown, 36th Field Battery, 6 months, on Medical Certificate, out of India.

Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 1st Battalion.—Lieutenant Welles, 3 months, on private affairs, out of India.

Durham Light Infantry—Captain Bush, Inspector and Adjutant, G. I. P. Railway Volunteer Rifles, 8 months, on private affairs, out of India.

Army Medical Staff—Surgeon-Captain McNaught, 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India.

The following officers have been granted extensions:—No. 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery—Captain McDe Butts, 4 months, on medical certificate, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

7th Bombay Lancers—Major Monteith, 6 months, on private affairs, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

Commissariat Department.—Honorary Lieutenant and Deputy Assistant Commissary Keane, 6 months, on private affairs.

Ordnance Department—Honorary Lieutenant and Deputy Assistant Commissary-General Wickham, 3 months, on medical certificate.

THE PESTILENCE IN POONA.

There were fifteen cases and twelve deaths in the city to-day. The total number up to date is 278 cases, and 250 deaths. The total mortality from all causes to-day was 50, while the average is 10 per cent. There was one imported case in the suburban, and four cases and three deaths in the plague hospital. The total up to date is 238 cases, and 152 deaths.

The Plague Officer discovered a woman suffering from the malady in the city to-day. A large crowd assembled to resist, but the officer called for police aid. On seeing the police the mob dispersed and the woman was taken to the hospital.

Owing to the plague the Madhi fair in Ahmednager has been put off by order of the Ahmednagar Collector.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, FEB. 25.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Forbes from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, arrived here this morning.

KONGKONG, FEB. 25.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Ravenna left here this afternoon for Bombay.

FEB. 26.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Candia (extra) arrived here to-day.

COLOMBO, FEB. 25.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Valetta left here at 4 p.m., to-day.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Bengal left here at 1 p.m., to-day.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Mirzapore left here at 5 p.m., to-day, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at daylight on Monday next.

COLOMBO, FEB. 25.

H. M. S. Bonaventure from Trincomalee arrived.

COLOMBO, FEB. 26.

German mail steamer Sachsen from Bremen arrived.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 25.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firmer. Sales quiet.

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The Manchester Market has been firmer

22 per cent. Consols 112 3-4
3 per cent. Rentes 102 3-4
3½ per cent. Spanish Loan 18
3½ per cents. Rupee Paper 62 5-8
Bar Silver 29 3-4

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results:—Total Bullion £29,000,000, Increase, £230,000; Public Deposits £10,200,000, Increase, £1,100,000; Other Deposits £40,300,000, Increase, £100,000; Other Securities £29,400,000, Increase £800,000; Notes and Gold £30,900,000, Increase, £300,000. The Bank's Reserve is 53 per cent. of the Liabilities.

THE BOMBAY GRAIN TRADING COMPANY.

We understand that this company has commenced operations in right earnest. Messrs. Govindji Thackersey Moolji and Narandas Purshotamdas, the promoters, have done their best, not only to launch the company into existence, but by their personal exertions have raised a capital with which to commence operations; and having obtained the approval and sanction of the directors to their purchase of American maize and wheat and Persian barley, they are now supplying maize for the famine-stricken districts, where, from a short experience, it is reported that a large demand will spring up not only in this Presidency, but also in the North-West Provinces. The cargo of Californian wheat has not as yet arrived; but barley and maize have been in great demand, particularly the latter. The maize is found to be in a sound and healthy condition, and up to the present about ten thousand bags have been disposed of. For local consumption, the promoters are maturing plans with the flour mills in Bombay, to grind the corn at low rates; but failing this, they will put up grinding machines at their own account. The maize flour that has been turned out is selling at Re. 1-2-0 per maund of 28lbs., whereas the wheat flour is selling at Rs. 2 to Rs. 2-4 per maund of 28lbs. The maize flour is much liked in the famine districts. The maize is not only used by human beings, but there is a great demand from owners of stables and cattle, for it is found to be cheaper than gram, and more nutritious.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The following are the entries for to-day's races:—

SHIP'S BOAT'S RACE.

To start at 3-45 p.m.

Boat's Name.	Entered by
R I M Dockyard Cutter	Mr A Monk
R I M Sloping Life Boat	Lieut J N F Wilson
R I M's Canning's Cutter	Lieut D F Vines
R I M's Canning's Whaler	Lieut H C Dobbin.
R I M's Clayton Cutter	Lieut E C I Lazenbye.
H M S Magdala's Cutter	Lieut L H Richardson.
S S Afghan's Gig	Commander R Barton.

YACHT'S RACE.

To start at 4 p.m.

Yatch's Name.	Entered by
Turquoise	Mr E S Luard,
Melody	Mr J B K Macbeth
Bella	Mr C T R Sewell.
Red Rose	Capt John Hext, R N
Eileen	Lt R St. J Gilfeerts
Manjikh	Capt S J Chamier

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of foreign messages received at Bombay, from the United Kingdom, during the 24 hours ending, at 8 p.m. of the 26th February, 1897.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	25	4	20 p.m.	7	14
Teheran	26	2	41 p.m.	...	18
Suez	25	2	55 p.m.	...	11

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay, during the 24 hours ending, at 8 p.m., of the 25th February 1897.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	...	50	...	5
" Karachi	...	15	...	1
" Madras	...	32	...	3

SENHOR HINTZE RIBEIRO, the Portuguese Premier, has resigned, and a new Progressist Ministry, under Senhor Luciano de Cassro, has been completed.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, FEB. 12.

THE EGYPTIAN AND TURKISH QUESTIONS.

When the mail of last week left the House of Commons was still discussing the vote in aid of the Dongola Expedition, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's remarkably outspoken declarations on the subject of our occupation of Egypt. Sir Charles Dilke accused the Government of having changed their policy and of being only too glad of an excuse for our remaining permanently in the land of the Pharaohs. After Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett had attacked Sir C. Dilke, Sir William Harcourt took up the parable, arguing that the language of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, especially with reference to the possible abolition of the Mixed Tribunals, was most mischievous and dangerous. The leader of the Opposition said that the vote he should give would not be mainly concerned with the question of an expedition either to Dongola or Khartoum, but he should register it against this Estimate, because he desired to make a public protest against the language of menace and defiance which Sir Michael Hicks-Beach had used. Sir William Harcourt's rather fiery onslaught on the Government was replied to in a vigorous speech by Mr. Curzon, who professed to be very angry with the right hon. gentleman for the interpretation he put on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's words. The Under-Secretary denied that there was one word in Sir M. Hicks-Beach's speech that could be considered provocative or irritating. As to the decision of the Mixed Tribunal Mr. Curzon pointed out that as it was due to political predilections, which nobody can deny, there could be nothing astonishing in the Chancellor of the Exchequer saying that when a year hence the time came for revision of the arrangements we should have to take account of the manner in which that decision was arrived at. Mr. Courtney was the next speaker, and he repeated his well-known views against the Soudan expedition. A remark of Mr. Courtney to the effect that if Lord Salisbury had his own way he would return to the moderate and sober position which he took up on this question eight years ago, was emphasized by Mr. Labouchere in a way that set the House in a roar. "There are" he said, "only

TWO STRONG LITTLE ENGLANDERS

in this country—Lord Salisbury and myself." A notable feature of the debate was a speech by that Unionist of Unionists, Mr. Arnold Forster, against the Soudan policy of her Majesty's Government. But Mr. Forster's defection was counterbalanced by the speeches of two Liberal whips—Mr. M'Arthur and Mr. Munro Ferguson,—both of whom defended the advance along the Nile. There were two divisions. In the first, on a motion proposed by Mr. Vesey Knox to reduce the vote by £72,500, the Irish share, the Government had a majority of 110. In the division on the original resolution their majority was 112. It has been ingeniously suggested that certain phrases used by the Chancellor of the Exchequer were due to the state of his health when he spoke—he was suffering from a cold,—and that he merely expressed his own opinions. That, however, is not the general opinion. The country as a whole, and is happy to believe, that he spoke as the mouthpiece of the Cabinet. If there is any regret that he should have alluded to France in terms a little wanting perhaps in diplomatic reserve and polish, it is due to the fear that the expressions referred to may interfere with the united action of the Powers at a moment when the renewal of troubles in Crete and the further complications arising out of the action of Greece are the cause of grave anxiety all over Europe. M. Hanotaux's speech in the Chamber of Deputies in reply to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's declarations was awaited with some interest in this country. The moderate tone adopted by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs—a tone imitated by the more responsible portion of the Paris Press—is variously interpreted. Some French journals, chiefly those belonging to the Royalists, regard M. Hanotaux's statements as a confession that France does not know her own mind; and this view of the matter is echoed by more than one influential paper in Germany. "In France people are chattering while England is acting," is the comment of one of the Bismarckian organs. Still, while our German friends are disappointed that French indignation against its perfidious neighbour is not more strongly expressed, they are pluming themselves that the new developments of the Egyptian question makes for the stability of the Triple Alliance.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION.

There has been a lull in South African affairs preparatory to the Select Committee settling down to serious business. Mr. Cecil Rhodes, accompanied by his brother, the Colonel, has been taking a rest in Paris and preparing himself for the coming ordeal. It is rather curious that both the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. Jackson) and its principal member (Mr. Chamberlain) should be "hors de combat" with illness; but fortunately their condition is such as not to be likely to cause any great delay in commencing the inquiry. Mr. Chamberlain has been laid up all the week with gout—a ailment his enemies malignantly say he never suffered from until he shook off the dust of Liberalism from his feet and joined the gentlemen of England. There are other evil-disposed persons who declare that the Colonial Secretary's indisposition is not unconnected with departmental worries. I need not say that they allude to the attitude of President Kruger, "vis-a-vis" the Rhodes boom in Cape Town, and particularly a speech attributed to him by the Pretoria representative of the "Daily Telegraph." That correspondent, it will be remembered, gave a graphic account of Oom Paul's indignation on receiving the telegraphic account of Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech on the African situation, and averred that he had been requested to cable President Kruger's views on the subject. These were to the effect that it was high time Mr. Chamberlain qualified his personal accusations as to non-fulfilment of promises made to the Uitlanders. If Mr. Balfour feels himself removed from the necessity of doing anything so commonplace as to read newspapers Mr. Chamberlain is not like him. Directly the Secretary of State for the Colonies read the telegram in the "Daily Telegraph," he inquired of President Kruger through Lord Rosmead if he had been correctly reported. President Kruger's reply is as follows:—"There must be a mistake. I can say that I am not in the habit of making observations on subjects of the nature of those treated of in your telegram through such a channel as that mentioned, and that I have not done so in this instance." If, as his German critics say, Mr. Chamberlain's speech was intended to provoke the Boer President to do something that would justify strong measures against the Transvaal this answer might be considered as likely to retard the right hon. gentleman's recovery. But it would seem to have had a contrary effect. At any rate, the President's disclaimer has been followed by the announcement that Mr. Chamberlain has been able to leave his bed, and that he hopes to resume his duties in Whitehall and in Westminster on Monday. Within the past few days Mr. Kruger has had a rebuff at the hands of Mr. Chamberlain's chief. The Swiss Federal Council was recently informed by the Transvaal representative at the Hague, Mr. Beelaerts von Blokland, of the accession of his Government to the Geneva Convention, and the fact was in due course communicated to the British Foreign Office by the Swiss Minister in London. Lord Salisbury has replied to the Swiss Minister that under the terms of article IV. of the London Convention of 1884 such an engagement on the part of the South African Republic requires her Majesty's approval. His lordship adds that "the Queen's assent to the accession in question will be communicated to the Government of that Republic."

THE QUEEN'S COMMEMORATION.

Her Majesty having, as might be anticipated, declined to suggest to her subjects how they should celebrate the sixtieth year of her glorious reign, the Prince of Wales has, so far as London is concerned, taken the lead. The daily papers of last Saturday all contained an important communication signed by his Royal Highness suggesting that London should commemorate the approaching great event by putting the finances of our hospitals on a sound basis. The Prince mentions that the contributors to the metropolitan hospital funds number less than one in 100 of the population. He does not believe that this arises from any real indifference, and is confident that a combined appeal on behalf of the hospitals of London, setting forth their work in its magnitude and importance, will prove irresistible. He proposes with the aid of a strong and representative committee whose services he has secured to invite subscriptions of 1s. per annum and upwards from all classes for "The Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's reign." The desire will be to obtain from £100,000 to £150,000 per annum in annual subscriptions from those who have not regularly contributed. The Prince himself is president, and Lord Rothschild treasurer. The committee includes the Bishop of London, Cardinal Vaughan, the Rev. J. Guinness Rogers (Nonconformist), the Lord Mayor, the Chairman of the County Council (to which his Royal Highness has always been particularly civil), the Chairman of the School Board, etc. The Bank of England has placed office accommodation at the service of the fund, and the affair promises to be a great success. As the result of various suggestions the honorary secretaries announce that though primarily the object of the fund is to raise a permanent income by collecting annual subscriptions, they will gladly receive help to the fund in any of the following forms:—(*a*) Annual subscriptions for the life of the subscriber or at least "until further notice," or (*b*) Subscriptions for a limited term of years, or (*c*) Sums representing subscriptions compounded at 4 per cent., or at the rate of £25 in a single payment in lieu of an annual subscription of £1, or (*d*) Donations the application of which the donors may leave to the discretion of the council of the fund. To an unexpected extent, people who have hitherto not shown any interest in hospitals are subscribing with the greatest liberality, and many who are already subscribers are increasing their gifts. The "Daily Telegraph," with its usual sagacity, has initated a branch of the fund for the collection of shillings in large and small sums. Up to this morning it had received 158,926 shillings, and almost as many letters—cheap advertisements, some people might call them—for publication. In some quarters fears are expressed that this and the other numerous appeals for Diamond Jubilee Memorials will have a serious effect on the Mansion House Famine Fund. So far, at all events, as the Prince of Wales's Fund is concerned, it is doubtful if there are any grounds for serious apprehension. Practically, I suppose, all the Londoners who intended to subscribe direct to the Famine Fund have done so. If the Prince had launched his scheme a month or six weeks ago the result would no doubt have been detrimental to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SCARCITY.

Lord Kinnaird continues to keep an eye upon the Famine, and on Monday brought the subject once more before the House of Lords. Having asked some questions founded upon particulars sent from the Central Provinces by Reuter's correspondent, Lord Kinnaird made a speech regarding the famine generally. He maintained that the promise of the Government to prevent loss of life has not been fulfilled, and upon the authority of someone recently from Bombay estimated that the mortality up to November 14 last was a quarter-of-a-million. Lord Onslow in his reply was sceptical as to the accuracy of this estimate, and denied that Lord Elgin's Government had undertaken that no loss of life should occur. All they had stated was that no persons need of necessity lose their lives if they applied to the relief-works. Whilst Lord Onslow was replying to Lord Kinnaird, the Secretary of State, Lord George Hamilton, was in the other House answering a question of Mr. Davitt's about the death-rate in the Central Provinces; and on the following day, Mr. Bhownaggree drew his attention to the depreciation in value of the silver salaries they were issued to people in India, and as to whether the Government have any scheme in view "to remedy the loss to the people in their distress." Lord G. Hamilton in his reply would not admit that any case for compensation had been made out, saying it did not follow that, because there is now a greater divergence than formerly between the gold value of coined and uncoined silver in India, the purchasing power of silver bullion in India has correspondingly fallen. On Wednesday, as everyone knows, the House of Commons meets earlier than on other days and rises at six o'clock. Lord George Hamilton spent his "evening off" this week in delivering an address on the Famine to the pupils of his old school—Harrow. The address, though suitable to the occasion, contained nothing new, and was to a large extent a repetition of things already said by the noble Lord and reported at the time. Whilst Lord G. Hamilton was thus pleasantly engaged, Mr. Hyndman and his friends were pouring forth to a crowded audience in St. James's Hall

DENUNCIATION AFTER DENUNCIATION

of the Government of India and all its works. When I say that Professor Beesly—a good scholar but a bad political guide—was in the chair, and that the leading speakers besides Mr. Hyndman and Mr. Naoroji were Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P., and Mr. Cunninghame Graham, ex-M.P., your readers will not need to be told that the speeches were more remarkable for wildness than wisdom. The Chairman gave the cue to the other speakers by desiring that England should at the earliest time possible leave India because forsooth the responsibility of governing that country is so tremendous. The principal resolution submitted to the meeting was as follows:—"That this meeting of the citizens of London calls upon the Government to relieve and henceforth the drain of produce from India, officially certified at a value of more than £20,000,000 sterling a year, used to pay home charges, pensions, interest, &c., this drain having caused, and now hideously intensifying, the famine which is devastating British India." This was moved by Mr. Davitt, who said "There was one curse afflicting India—the curse of British rule"; seconded by Mr. Cunninghame Graham, who attributed the evil to "supremacy of the capitalist system," and supported by Mr. Naoroji, who is reported to have said that the English system is based on honours and hypocrisy. But the prime mover, Mr. Hyndman, amassed the rest in regard to the use of language and boldness of imagination, declaring, among other agreeable things, "That no infamy perpetrated in history by the Romans, the Carthaginians, or the Ottoman Turks could be compared to that which was being enacted by this country in the plains of Hindustan. The present famine was foreseen by Lord Salisbury, the Duke of Devonshire, and Lord Lansdowne, and he charged it against those Ministers that they had deliberately murdered these people because they wanted to keep the grain that they got from them for their class." This absurd rant has even shocked the "Daily Chronicle," which announces that it "cannot endorse the 'giving up' sentiments of the speakers," pointing out that although the British Government is very wicked, "to leave India to welter in mere anarchy is not a solution which, while our race retains its governing instinct, it can even contemplate." The "Daily News" publishes a short report of the proceedings, but otherwise ignores it, and the same is true of the Press generally. I do not think that Mr. Naoroji has improved his chances of finding a constituency ready to invite him to be their candidate after his appearance in such, politically speaking, questionable company.

SCIENCE IN INDIA.

The meeting, held yesterday afternoon, at the Imperial Institute, in connection with the Indian Section of the Society of Arts, was very well attended, notwithstanding the dreadfully inclement weather. To his great regret Sir John Lubbock, at the last moment, was prevented by pressing Parliamentary duties from leaving the House, but Sir Steuart Bayley, who, as a former Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, naturally takes an interest in the lecturer, Professor J. C. Bose, made a suitable and sympathetic Chairman. He was supported by such men of light and leading as Sir Owen Burne, Sir Alfred Lyall, Sir Raymond West, Sir George Birdwood, Sir Trueman Wood, Sir Philip Hutchins, Sir George Robertson, of Chitral fame, Mr. T. H. Thornton, C.S.I., Sir Henry Mance, several Fellows of the Royal Society, including Mr. J. H. Gladstone, Ph. D., cousin of the veteran statesman, Professor Armstrong, of the Central Technical College, and Professor Dunstan, honorary secretary of the Chemical Society. Mr. M. M. Bhownaggree, M.P., and Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, forgetting for the time their political differences were also present and both took part in the discussion. Also noticed Colonel R. Thorpe, R.E., C.I.E., Colonel Allan Cunningham, Colonel E. T. Thackeray, C.B., V.C., Mr. A. Chatterton, of the Madras Education Department, and Mr. William Coldstream, late of the Bengal Civil Service. Professor Bose reminded his distinguished audience that the introduction of English education into India has been comparatively recent. Yet within a short time many Indians have distinguished themselves in the departments of law and letters. But in the department of science, the progress has not been so satisfactory. Still he was not disposed to take a too pessimistic view of the matter, pointing out that even in this country, which has had the advantage of a long period of scientific culture, the number of those who devote themselves to scientific studies is not very large. Referring chiefly to his own city, Calcutta, he said that what is wanted of the University is the simplification of its science course. At present the grouping of subjects is arbitrary and incongruous; this should be remedied. Greater importance should be given to practical examination and laboratory work, as in this way alone a student's real extent of knowledge can be tested. To encourage originality, degrees should be given for research work. This is being done by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge with the best results. He suggested that the difficulty with regard to examiners might be removed by asking scientific men at home to set the papers, the answers being examined in India. The necessity for the establishment of a fully equipped laboratory was insisted upon. "While visiting the different laboratories here, I must confess," he said, "to an unworthy feeling of envy, which took away all my pleasure." In Germany the sum spent for a single laboratory often exceeds £100,000. "We shall," remarked Professor Bose, "be content with half that amount, and I hope it will be regarded as extremely moderate." As to the charge sometimes made against India, that it has not yet produced a great scientific genius, the lecturer's answer seemed conclusive. That answer was that "it took the whole world many centuries to bring forth a dozen men like Davy and Faraday." To expect India to produce such masters before science teaching has even been properly introduced was, the lecturer fairly contended, somewhat unreasonable. He mentioned instances to show that enthusiasm and devotion for scientific work are not wanting among our Native fellow subjects, and, in concluding his suggestive address, referred to the intellectual hunger that has been created by the spread of education in India—a subject which is ably dealt with in a rather remarkable article appearing in last Saturday's "Spectator," under the title of "A Bengalee Professor." The "Spectator" expresses a wish that "some millionaire with an imagination may yet found a University of Physics in India." But imagination, as the "Spectator" has itself told us, on previous occasions, seems to be the quality most needed by our millionaires, especially those who have amassed their colossal fortunes in the intellectually sterile colonies. Professor Armstrong, in his speech on the paper, disagreed with Prof. Bose's views as to outside examiners, and hoped that India would not adopt what he regards as a very objectionable system. Sir George Birdwood and several other speakers congratulated Professor Bose on the welcome given to him by English "Savants," and the desire was generally expressed that his mission to Europe might be fruitful to India.

THE WEEK'S DEATH ROLL.

Sir John Bates Thurston, the distinguished High Commissioner of the Western Pacific and Governor of Fiji; General Sir Wilbraham Oates Lannox, who was awarded the V. C. for cool and gallant conduct at Sevastopol; who also gained distinction in the Indian Mutiny and who, a few years ago, commanded the troops in Ceylon; Major-General Henry McDonell de Wendt Douglas, a retiredn Bengal Officer; Surgeon-General James Lancaster Ranking; Mr. Henry Arthur Deuteros Phillips, I.C.S., who served for some time in the Supreme Legislative Department, and who was at home on furlough; Mr. George Elliot Watson, a retired Bengal Civilian; the Rev. Samuel Harvay Reynolds, a prominent member of the *Times* staff, and who, his intimates say, combined in personality and temperament something both of a Johnson and a Swift; the Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D., celebrated north of the Tweed as an authority on the folklore of his native country; the Rev. Richard Parry, one of the leading Welsh Bards; Mr. Frank May, whose retirement from the Post of Chief Cashier of the Bank of England, three years ago, attracted much attention; Mr. George Price Boyce, a veteran and popular artist; and Sir Henry Edwards, who for many years sat in Parliament as the Liberal member for Weymouth, and who visited India a few years ago in company with his old friend, Sir Edward Watkin.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OFTHE 12TH FEBRUARY.

The English mail steamer Caledonia (Captain W. B. Andrews,) which arrived in harbour yesterday from Marseilles, with the English mails of the 12th instant, has brought back the cargo which she had taken from here to Marseilles owing to the quarantine restrictions at the above port. The cargo was as follows: 2,286 bags linseed; 4,308 bags castorseed, 6,670 bags gingellyseed, 666 bags groundnuts, 733 bundles coir yarn, 276 cases gum, and 89 cases pepper. She brought the following passengers:—

FROM MARSEILLES.

Arnott, Mrs and Miss
Boyd, Mrs F K
Bosher, Miss
Brirn, Mrs
Burke, Surg Maj
Bell, Mr H G
Behrendt, Rev A W campbell, Major
Cox, Mr H
Catterall Miss
Condon, Dr F J
Chappel, Mr H J
Cook, Mrs
Clarke, Mr and Mrs
Dobson, Brig Surg Col and Mrs
Daunt, Mr H C
Davidson, Surg Maj D C
De Lys, Mr J W
Ducat, Lt H G
Elliot, Mr and Mrs J
Elsmie, Miss
Fitch, Mr
Gower, Mr Loveson
Gowenlock, Mr
Goodfellow, Mrs
Hamilton, Mr A S
Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs
Hayland, Mr and Mrs
Holland, Mrs F
Impey, Miss
James, Capt
Khorey, Dr
Lang Mrs E M
Lewis, Rev G H
Leslie, Surg-Maj, Mrs and child
Morley, Mr G S
Mackenzie, Mr W
Morris, Miss
Murchan, Mr and Mrs
Mclntosh, Mr
Maidment, Mr
Martyn, Mr
Osmaston Mr
Pitcher, Mrs and two Misses
Prentice, Lieut R E
Plumtr, Mr and Miss
Pratt, Miss
Phillips, Mr
Pazet, Mrs A
Rathjen, Mr
Ramsden, Miss
Rennick, Miss
Robinson, Capt
Shaw, Mr F M
Scroope, Mr
Smith, Mrs A
Sutterey, Mr
Sampson, Miss
Shaw, Mr
Templar, Mr Mrs and Child
Trotman, Mr and Mrs
Worsnop, Mr F J
White Surg-Maj
Whistler, Major
Willcham, Mr
Wilson, Miss
Woodyatt Mrs and son
Wilson, Mr F
Young, Mr, Mrs and Miss Mackworth, child and infant.

FROM BRINDISI

Allen, Mr G
Barclay, Lieut-Col S A
Duff, Miss M E
Guest, Mr W H
Ingle, Mr
Mayhew, Miss

FROM ISMAILIA.—Webb, Mr W

FROM ADEN.

Crimmen, Surg-Major
Hill, R. F. N
Lord Bishop of Bombay

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Carthage, Captain M. de Horne, will sail, to-day, for London and Brindisi, with English mail and the following passengers:—

FOR LONDON.

Andrese, Mr C
Barfield, Mr
Bloomer, Mrs and infant
Bristed, Mr and Mrs
Bush, Capt and Mrs J E and infant
Chann, Mr
Cohen, Miss M F
Gravett, Mr and Mrs and infant
Hide, Mr A
Hindmarsh, Miss
Hore, Surg-Capt & W
Hunt, Col J L
Kox, Revd and Mrs and child
Liebschwager, Mrs, child and infant
Mapp, Mr and Mrs, child and infant
Miller, Mr E D
Parker, Miss
Parker-Smith, Mr and Mrs
Philips, Mr J
Sapp, Mr A
Raffino, Mrs
Smith, Mr and Mrs
Smith, Mr and infant
Symington, Mr and Mrs and child
Taylor, Miss

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—A few days ago, some account was given in your columns of the circumstances under which about one-fifth of the members of the Chamber had been induced to sign a representation, opposing the views expressed at the annual meeting by the retiring Chairman. The interesting information then published can be supplemented by some particulars as to the circumstances under which the deputation to H. E. the Governor was postponed. When the representation referred to came before the new Committee, it was decided by a narrow majority to forward a letter to Government, but it was far more moderate in tone than the organisers of the counter demonstration hoped to see indited. In reply to this communication, H. E. Lord Sandhurst stated that if the Committee laid before him their proposals in writing by February 23rd, he would be pleased to fix a day for receiving a deputation as requested. When the Committee met to consider this letter, they found the task of constructive criticism so much less easy than that of destructive criticism, that it was decided to inform his Excellency that as his time was very fully occupied, the Committee would withdraw their request to him to receive a deputation. But Lord Sandhurst was evidently not disposed to let the public labour under the impression that it was by his desire that the deputation was, like some dishes at a restaurant, "off." An intimation was conveyed to the Committee that his Excellency did not wish his own pressure of work to stand in the way of receiving a deputation, but he desired its postponement from yesterday until this afternoon. It ought also to be known that the signatories of the original representation to the Committee are under a misapprehension in supposing that the retiring Chairman's regime is a policy of absolute "non-intervention" was pursued. As the members of the late Committee know very well, Mr. Beaufort was constantly in touch with H. E. the Governor and with the Municipal Executive, and kept them well informed of the views of the Committee. More good was done by this personal contact than would have been possible from taking up the time of overworked officers by sending them long letters

not know whether he has been reading the English *Spectator*, a newspaper for which I always have a great respect, in which it was stated recently that Bombay can be burnt down and re-built in six weeks. Mr. Cotton is more generous because he gives three years. Rome was not built in a day, and I am afraid Bombay will not be re-built in three years. We have to make a beginning, and I shall be very glad indeed if that beginning has been well made during the time I remain in Bombay.

THE EPIDEMIC.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

		Attacks.	Deaths.
A	Upper Colaba	3	2
	Middle and Lower Colaba	1	0
	Fort, Southern	0	0
	Fort, Northern	3	0
	Esplanade	1	1
B	Mandvi	1	1
	Chukla	0	
	Umarkhadi	0	0
	Dongri	2	1
C	Market	1	1
	Dhobi Talao	1	3
	Panaswadi	2	0
	Bhuleshwar	2	3
	Khara Talao	2	1
	Khumbarwada	2	1
D	Khetwadi	1	0
	Girgaum	0	1
	Chaupati	0	1
	Walkeshwar	1	0
	Mahalakshmi	9	3
E	Mazagon	18	4
	Tadwadi	10	1
	Second Nagpada	1	2
	Kamatipura	4	3
	Tadeo	1	0
	Byculla	6	20
	First Nagpada	3	1
F	Parel	7	10
	Sewri	0	1
	Sion	3	0
G	Mahim	13	13
	Worli	12	8
Water Division		0	0
Non-Resident and unknown		0	1
Parsee Hospital		0	0
Jain Hospital		0	1
Arthur Road Hospital		0	13
St. George's Hospital		0	1
Servants' Hospital		0	1
J J Hospital		0	1
Hindu Hospital		0	1
House of Correction		0	0
Total		110	101
Total to date		7,962	6,511

The total mortality from all causes during the period was 207.

543 persons left Bombay yesterday morning by sea for their native places.

A Eurasian girl from the Byculla School was admitted into the St. George's Hospital yesterday suffering from bubonic fever.

Out of the total number of deaths recorded from all causes, 97 were burnt, 107 buried, and three were exposed in the Towers of Silence. During the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock, yesterday morning, one patient was admitted into the Parsee Fever Hospital, two discharged as cured, leaving twenty-five under treatment. No death occurred. During the same period eight patients were admitted into the Arthur Road Hospital, and seven died, leaving eighty-nine under treatment.

One policeman died of the malady on Thursday last.

Dr. Yersin is expected to reach Colombo on Tuesday next, and will most probably be in Bombay on Saturday next.

Surgeon-Major Crimmin, I. M. S., and Surgeon-Lieut. Knapton, I. M. S., have reported their arrivals to the District Staff, the former from Aden and the latter from England. Surgeon-Major Crimmin will do duty as Assistant Health Officer of the Port, and Surgeon-Lieutenant Knapton on plague duty.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S WORK.

The following is the summary of the weekly returns in connection with the bubonic plague officially prepared for the week ending at 6 o'clock yesterday morning :—

Houses inspected as to fitness for human habitation—	
No. Visited	1,310
No. Condemned	102
No. Requiring Alterations	130
No. Referred for the opinion of the Engineering Department	24
Houses inspected with regard to water connections—	
No. Visited	938
No. from which water connections were cut off	105
No. of taps repaired	13
Measures adopted in Houses—	
No. Disinfected	728
No. Limewashed	2,029
No. of Roofs opened	1,216
No. of Floors dug up	614
No. Vacated	393
No. Destroyed by fire	42
No. to which Disinfectants have been distributed	5,077
Drainage—	
Length Cleaned	8,801ft. 6in.
Gullies—	
No. Flushed	1,478
Hospitals—	
No. of Patients	322
No. of Deaths	111
No. of Recoveries	33
No. of Remaining under Treatment	178
Ward Returns—	
No. of Attacks	770
No. of Deaths	642
Total Mortality—	
Week under Report	1,005
Previous Week	1,745

1,208 people were inoculated with Professor Haffkine's prophylactic lymph. Of the 642 deaths returned from the wards, 453 occurred in wards E, F, and G, indicating that the epidemic is chiefly prevalent in the outlying districts to the north of the Island. Although the returns of plague cases are higher than in the previous week, the diminution in the total mortality tends to show that the epidemic is abating. And the total mortality remains as high as it is, partly on account of the rigid inspection of passengers preventing a large number of unhealthy people leaving Bombay. Fifty convalescent patients were sent from the Arthur Road Hospital to the Parel Government House Hospital, of whom ten were discharged cured and 40 remain under treatment. One new ward is in course of erection at the Arthur Road Hospital and two at the Port Trust Hospital. An average of daily extra staff of 800 souls was employed in the Health Department.

THE MARINE LINES BUNGALOWS.

A large number of Native troops are engaged under the supervision of the Military Works Department, as Marine Lines every day for eight hours demolishing the dwellings. Ten bungalows have been completely demolished, and the rest will be knocked down in a few days. The ten bungalows demolished are Nos. 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 21, 22, 33, 35, and 42, and they were respectively occupied by Lieutenant Nurse Adjutant, 22nd Bombay Native Infantry ; Captain Vidal, D. A. A. G. ; Lieutenant Haydon, Lieutenant Anand, 22nd Bombay Native Infantry, and two other gentlemen Lieutenant Waller, Adjutant, 21st Bombay Native Infantry ; Major Caluswa, D. A. A. G. Captain Heyman, 21st Bombay Native Infantry ; Major Blomfield, A. A. G. ; Captain Carnegy, Fo. N. I. Captain Clowes ; Chief Commissariat Officer ; and Captain Anderson, Storekeeper-General, Commissariat, Bombay.

The bungalows to be demolished as soon as the occupants and furniture are removed are :—The collection of bungalows from Nos. 11 to 16, which form the Mess of the officers of the 21st Bombay Native Infantry commonly known as the Marine Battalion. The bungalow No. 4 to be vacated by Brigadier Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Barker, will be pulled down on Monday ; and the bungalow No. 38, now in the occupation of Captain Mitchell, 21st Bo N. I.

Thus all the thatched roof bungalows in the Marine Lines except Nos. 2 & 3, namely, the Admiralty House and the General's bungalow, respectively, will be demolished. The latter bungalow will be utilized by the Regimental officers of 21st and 22nd Bombay Native Infantries as the Officers Mess of both the Regements.

The estimated cost of the bungalows to be destayed comes to about Rs. 65,000.

ANOTHER DEFAULTING POLICEMAN.

At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Meyers prosecuted Shunker Anundrao, a policeman attached to the Bombay Police Force, before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, on a charge of absenting himself without leave or without giving any notice to the Commissioner of Police of his intention to do so. Accused was enlisted in the Bombay Police Force about two months ago, and was attached to the B Division for duty. About a month ago he applied to the Commissioner of Police for his discharge from the force, but the application was refused. Subsequently he was found missing, and on inquiry being made, it was ascertained that he had absconded to his native place. A warrant was applied for, and issued for his apprehension, and forwarded to his native place, whence he was brought down to Bombay. Accused, in his defence, said that as he was suddenly seized with the bubonic fever, he got frightened and was obliged to run away for his life. His Worship sentenced him to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

CASES AT SUKKUR.

Our Lahore contemporary has the gravest reasons for supposing that cases of undoubted indigenous plague have occurred so far up the line from Karachi as Sukkur. This being the case, combined with the fact that imported cases have occurred at more than one place on the line of railway, it is to be hoped that no means will be left untried to make the medical inspection of passengers coming north thorough. The fact we noted a few days ago, continues our contemporary, of an infant sufferer having escaped detection on the way to Sialkot gives point to our remarks. Since the occurrence of the cases in plague at Amritsar, Rewari, Ferozapore, and Sialkot, altogether five in number, which have already been referred to in our columns, there has been a suspicious case at Umballa, which occurred on the 11th instant. A portion of the deceased's glan was sent to Professor Haffkine, who reports that the case was not one of bubonic plague. There is, however, no foundation for the rumour of another case of earlier date at Umballa.

DR. ISMAIL AND THE HEALTH OFFICER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The Prophet was all wisdom—so is Dr. Ismail Jan Mamomed. His insinuation on the Health Officer's innocent bubonic fever ought to have engaged him in deeper thought. The expression bubonic is technically correct, and scientifically not wrong. No other form of fever develops the same characteristics, and hence intelligent medical men understand—that for want of a better nomenclature—the vague but emphatic word plague is used to denote this special epidemic. Any scourge is a plague—though other plagues are scientifically specialised. As regards his observations on the various phases which the disease takes when it enters a locality, it might be inferred under the circumstances that the executive work of the Municipality has contributed nothing towards curtailing or restraining its extension and intensity, beyond presenting an object lesson in elementary sanitary science to the population, so that hereafter they will conceive the advantages of hi hit, air, and cl anliness. Had the p wers in force now been instituted at the beginning they would have tended more in benefitting the course of events than relying on leads of communities, leaders of society, vigilant committees, or Justices of the Peace. However, we are getting used to hysterical effusions, both in and out of the Corporation. The Executive wore without sufficient authority in the first instance, and the people misguided, trifled with themselves till they paid the penalty through their fool-hardiness and opposition. The disease has doubtless reached its climax and inclines to a subsidence. It therefore requires all the energy of the Municipal executive to prevent its endemicfacation.—Yours, &c.,

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THANA.

A correspondent, writing on Thursday, says :—Under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act 111 of 1897, Dr. Hudson, acting Civil Surgeon, has now taken charge of the sanitary arrangements of the town and relieved the members of the sanitary committee, Thana Municipality, of their duty. He visits the different localities, in company with the Assistant Surgeon and Mamlatdar, and inspects houses infected by the bubonic plague and orders for their cleansing, disinfecting, lime-washing, and removing the tiles of the roofs, &c. He was seen examining the passengers himself at the railway station last night. About half-a-dozen different sorts of notices were issued by him recently in connection with the bubonic plague and posted at conspicuous places in the town, and he has also caused a *tom-tom* to be beaten in all the streets ; which have frightened the Bunias and Marwaris, and a few men of the former class have closed their shops in Bazaar Peth, while the latter have left for their native country. The hut of the segregation hospital in the Vishnoo Baugh has been enlarged lately and four goorghas on Rs 10 each and two Brahmin cooks on Rs. 20 each per mensem employed to look after the plague patients. There are now six Koli patients in the hospital who are doing better under the treatment of the Assistant Surgeon and Dr. Hudson. The Civil Surgeon with the formal sanction of the Collector, intends to appoint twenty native and one European special inspectors on plague duty ; and they will be paid by the Thana Municipality.

On Friday last a *Sabha* of the residents of this place was held in the Municipal Office, under the presidency of Mr Anna Gopal Kotwal, in connection with the bubonic plague, and after a long discussion it was resolved by a large majority to erect huts as a segregation camp at Ghantali and collect Rs. 2,000 of the purpose. Rs. 1,100 were collected on the spot. A sub-committee was appointed to carry out the proposal. Mr. Kotwal having been elected chairman and Mr. Motilal as secretary and treasurer of Committee the *Sabha* came to a close. The Mahomedan inhabitants of Thana have held aloof from the *Sabha* ; who, it is said, were not invited by their Hindoo brothers.

A Kasar, who lost his wife of bubonic plague a few days ago in Goopsay Street, died of the same malady himself yesterday, and a Mahratin, wife of the peon belonging to the Assistant Collector, died in Karwagali the day before. The Hoozoor Deputy Collector or City Magistrate went to reside at Kapoorbow, on account of the bubonic plague, and the vice-president, Thana Municipality, went to Bairafes war and the vice-president, Local Board, left for Kone. There was a special Vashan performed here in the fire temple on Sunday and a meeting held to collect subscriptions with a view to erect huts as a segregation camphor the use of the Parsees. Mr. Rustom Byramjee Paymaster, Pleader of the High Court, Bombay, who has sojourned amongst us in the last two months, has, I am told, taken a leading part in holding the meeting and raising subscriptions. Mr. Nowrojee Jamsedjee Antia, the Thana merchant, has headed the list. Dr. Kirtiker has, I am glad to state, withdrawn his resignation of the presidentship, Thana Municipality, which he had submitted to the Collector on Wednesday last. Mr. Hajee Yoosuf Jamaliyanee, the head of the Mahomedan community, Bombay, has now come here to live at Munora.

SCARE AT DAMAUN.

During the last two days, writes our correspondent, the circumstance that a large number of people amounting to very near a thousand, have fled to this place from Bulsar to avoid the plague that is raging there or the drastic measures which the authorities have wisely been adopting there to check its spread, is causing great uneasiness to the people here, and prompt measures are being taken to see that the Bulsar people do not introduce their unwelcome visitor to this plain. These people seem to have avoided the medical examinations at Damaun Road Station and Dabit by coming here by carts via Pardu and Oodwara.

POONA.

The City Municipal office returns for the 24 hours ended, at 8 a.m., on Thursday, show the following results :—

Imported	0	
Local	12	
Locality:	Cases.	Deaths.
Sukerwar	4	3
Sadasev	3	3
Budwar	1	1
Kasba	3	3
Nehal	1	0
Total	12	9
Total up to date	263	238

The Suburban Municipal office returns for the above 24 hours show the following results :—

Imported	0	
Local	1	
Locality:	Cases.	Deaths.
Connaught Road	1	1
Plague Hospital	4	2
Total	5	3
Total up to date	234	149

Three persons, namely Nama Nunba, Bapu Mahadeo and Mukta who were found on the 16th and 17th instant affected by the plague among the arrivals from Bombay and who were sent to the plague hospital for treatment, were discharged cured yesterday. Among the three were: (1) Narayan Govind sent to the Hospital on the 23rd, (2) Laloo Didoo sent on the 23rd from the Connaught road and (3) Nana Pandoo: rung sent from the City on the 19th.

The death mentioned against Bhawani Peth in the previous day's Returns took place at the Undenominational school in Bhawani Peth; where it is ceased about 12 dead rats were found on the previous day. The school which is attended by about one hundred and seventy boys and girls was at once removed to one of the Municipal plague sheds near the Sowars' Police station.—*Herald*.

SIND.

THE PLAGUE AT KARACHI.

KARACHI, 23RD FEBRUARY.

The plague returns up to noon on the 22nd instant show 32 cases and 29 deaths. The totals to date are : 1,788 cases and 1,625 deaths.

The jail quarter records 6 deaths, the highest number yet notified from there. Keamari again has one death, and the Lyari quarter has the highest mortality. The Hindus have lost more than in the two previous days. Muchi Mead and Old Town, the two worst infected quarters at the outbreak of the plague, show no plague mortality the cleansing operations there having had a beneficial effect on the small residue of population left. The barbers and other tradesmen living in Ranchore lines are prohibited from entering the Sadar and Camp.

The imprisonment of the man who brought the plague victim into the Sadar on the 16th has apparently had a restraining effect on the nativesalthough the Mahomedans were irate both at his imprisonment and at the inmates of the house in which the boy died having been sent into the segregation camp.

The weather is very windy, and dust is flying about —bad conditions for the plague.

EUROPE AND THE PLAGUE.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the Continental Governments to prevent the entrance of the plague. The Russian Government has decided to send medical men to India to investigate the subject, and has prohibited all pilgrimages of Russian Mohammedans to Mecca during the present year. Arrangements have also been made for the formation of a military cordon on the Afghan frontier. The Afghan Government has suspended all traffic to and from India.

On Feb. 10 the President of the French Republic was informed by M. Roux, the eminent bacteriologist at the head of the Pasteur Laboratories, that the bacillus of bubonic plague is primarily developed in the soil and is communicated to animals of the field before passing to human beings ; that it has the least vitality of any known disease germ, and that its development in India was, in his opinion, due to the personal uncleanliness of the individuals attacked. Dr. Roux considers there is no cause for alarm in Europe.

Information has been received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris that the landing in France of all cargoes in vessels coming from plague-infected localities is to be interdicted absolutely ; the question of the duration of quarantine to be imposed on passengers on board such vessels being left for sub-quent settlement.

The French Government have prohibited the landing in France of passengers from infected ports in India.

The interdiction closing French harbours to imports from the plague-contaminated ports in India will prove a serious matter for a number of French industries which draw their raw material from there. The manufacturers of oil are the class on which this decision will probably inflict the heaviest losses.

The P. and O. Company's steamship Caledonia, from Bombay, arrived off Marseilles, and went at once to the harbour at Frioul. Her passengers were not allowed to land although the sanitary conditions on board were quite satisfactory.

The Sanitary Council, which met at Marseilles on Feb. 5, agreed to the following resolution, submitted by Dr. Flaissieres, the Mayor :—Considering that the eventuality of an invasion of the plague requires that exceptional sanitary measures should be taken, the Sanitary Council decides that merchandise, of whatever nature it may be on board the vessels Persia, Branksome Hall, and Caledonia shall not be landed either at the harbours of Marseilles or Frioul. The ships Persia, Branksome Hall, and Caledonia are requested to quit Marseilles Roads. Passengers and crews destined for Marseilles will only be admitted to free pratique after a most rigorous quarantine.

The steamer Clyde which had arrived from Maltato pick up the passengers of the Caledonia and convey them to London, left Marseilles on Feb. 10. The Persia and the Branksome Hall left later in the day. The Caledonia was to leave Marseilles for Bombay yesterday with 140 passengers from England. The *Temps* gives a rumour that the Caledonia sent on its letters and small packages from Brindisi, and that entering France at Modane, they were not examined and no precautions were taken.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent telegraphed on Feb. 10 :—"The quarantine on arrivals from India has been increased to fifteen days. The prohibition against Shiite pilgrims and dead bodies from India is extended to those from the Baluchistan coast. The entrance of dead bodies into Turkey is also prohibited from the whole of the Persian littoral and the Persian Gulf."

The importation into Germany of bed and bodylinen and cast-off wearing apparel, rags of all kinds, carpets, human hair, hoofs, untanned skins and hides, raw animal, hair bristles and wool has been prohibited.

The Chief Sanitary Council of Vienna has decided to propose to the Ministry of the Interior the extension to all kinds of raw animal products of the prohibition recently issued against the importation into and transit through Austria Hungary of certain classes of merchandise from Southern Asia.

An Austrian physician, writing from Bombay to the *Neue Frei Presse* on Jan. 20, pays the highest tribute to the Indian Government, which he says, is sparing no effort to stamp out the plague in that city.

The meeting of the International Sanitary Conference at Venice, originally fixed for Feb. 10, has been postponed until Feb. 16.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR G. W. ROUGHTON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 27th February 1897.

1. The Corps will parade this afternoon (Saturday) at 4 p.m. on the Oval in front of the Corps Club and proceed by gharries to Colaba North Fort for drill and For. Manning.

Members of the B. V. A. Cycling Club attending this parade, will meet at the Corps Club at 4 p.m. Lamps to be carried.

Dress.—Drill order without arms. Putties to be worn.

2. The following members are struck off the strength of the Corps from this date :—Gunners—A Quinney and A Bond.

3. The following drills will take place next week :—

No. 2 Company.

Gatacre Cup Team :—2-45 p.m. on Wednesday. Wheal Cup Teams—Nos. 1 and 4 Sub-divisions, Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. ; and Nos. 2 and 3 Sub-division, Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m.

By order,
A. J. Polle, Lt. R. A.,
Adjutant B. V. A.

NOTICE.

The Annual Corps Dance will take place at the Town Hall on Monday March 1st at 9-30 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained from :—

Sergt. Major S. W. Short, Victoria Terminus.
Sergt Major J. F. Watson, Church Gate street.
Sergt. D. A. Pinder, R. V. A. Club, Rampart Row.
Sergt. J. Marsland, Byculla Iron Works.
Sergt G. D. Traylan, Messrs. Rose and Co., Fort.
Corpl. W. Harvey, A. & N. Stores, Fort.
Gunner B. Defrece, Messrs. Marcks and Co.

Prices :—Rs. 3 per member including 2 Ladies. Rs. 5 per non-member including 2 ladies. Extra ladies tickets Re. 1.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY COLONEL R. S. BROWN, V.D., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 27th February, 1897.

1. There will be no parade this afternoon, the 27th instant.

2. The Ranga will be reserved for "C" Company this afternoon the 27th instant. The trains for Coorla leave Victoria Terminus at 2-30, 3, and 3-30 p.m. (Bombay time) and Byculla 12 minutes later.

3. D Company Team will fire for the Bayley Shield on Wednesday morning (3rd March) and will consist of the following members :—Qr. Mr. Sergt. W. Stephens, Cr. Sergt. H. Black, Sergt. H. Cassidi, Sergt. J. A. McKinnon, Volunteers R. J. Byrne, A. D'Silva, J Davis, M. C. Johnson, J. Henriques and R. D. Carson. Volunteer J. Pacheco, waiting man.

4. Leave of absence has been granted to Vol. J. Gilder, B Company, from 26th February to 31st March, 1897.

By order,
C. MOSS, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

NOTICE.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER (LIGHT HORSE AND RIFLES.) RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Copies of the Prospectus of the Tactical Rifle Meeting, to be held at Sewri Butts on the 1st of March, can be obtained at Head-quarters and from Officers Commanding Troops and Companies.

Officers and N.-C. Officers are requested to make up and enter their teams as early as possible for the following events :—

Lloyd-Lindsay—Teams of 4.
Volley Firing—Teams of 4.
Attack Practice—Teams of 6.
Cyclist Competition—Teams of 3.

Entries close at noon to day and should be sent to Sergt Woo and Sergt-Major Downing. Competitors in Uniform will be allowed return journey at single fare and must pay for their own faces.

Refreshments will be provided on the Range for members of the Bo. Vol. Rifles at the Corps expense.

HIGH COURT.—FEBRUARY 27.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE FULTON.)

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.

Short Causes.

27-97—Chitnis M and M—Mankunl vs Dalaji Krishnarao Dhatrayan and another—Bicknell M and M.—Part heard,

Long Causes.

542-96—F P Pavri—Goolam Alli Goolam Hoosein vs Sooleman Mooji—Dikshit and D.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 23th February, 1897.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	inches 29·929
Temperature of the Air	degrees 74·3
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69·1
Dew Point	61·9
Relative humidity of Air	0·651
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded—10)	4·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 79·8
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	57·5
General Directions of wind	NNE, N, NW, NNW
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 316

From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay during the week ending 25th February :—

Station from	Address in full as received.
London	Farlow.
Llanishen	Hall, Lothian Road.
Cawrpose West	The Superintending Engineer.
Cambay	Motilal Bhanabhai care of Jagjiwan Parmar, near Prinjragol.
Ferozepore City N. W.	Panalal Tahsidar.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT.—FEBRUARY 25.

10 p.m.	74·3

FRIDAY.—FEBRUARY 26.

6 a.m.	68·5
10 a.m.	76·7
2 p.m.	79·5
4 p.m.	78·4

An estimate of the sum required in the year ending the 31st March, 1897, as a grant-in-aid of the expenditure incurred in connection with the Egyptian Expedition to Dongola, has been issued. It amounts to seven hundred and ninety-eight thousands eight hundred and two pounds. This is to enable the Government of the Khedive of Egypt (1) to repay to the Commission of the Egyptian Public Debt, with interest (sixteen thousand three hundred and two pounds), the sum of five hundred and twelve thousand five hundred pounds (five hundred thousand pounds Egyptian), which was granted by that Commission for the expenses of the late campaign ; and (2) to defray the cost of the material of a railway rom Wady Halfa to Abu Hamed, estimated at wo hundred and seventy thousand pounds.

Although the utmost secrecy is being observed there is now no doubt that the action for breach of promise of marriage by Helen, or Ella, Gullian Grant, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Grant, Dundee, against Martin White, Balruddery, Dundee, and lately M.P. for Forrarshire, has been settled out of court. The case was enrolled on Tuesday, February 2nd, for the third time for adjustment ; but no motion was made on either side. Next day frequent communications passed between counsel and the local agents in Dundee for the purpose of preventing the case coming into open court ; and these have been successful. The agents, however, refuse to divulge the conditions of the settlement.

The "Zanzibar Gazette" of February 10 says: "A disastrous accident occurred on board H.M.S. Gibraltar ishe previous morning whereby no less than four lives were lost and another only narrowly escaped. The information we are able to give up to the present, pending the official enquiry into the cause and nature of the occurrence, is, that a small charge of gun cotton which had been under examination exploded, killing one man immediately and so seriously wounding three others that death ensued in a few hours. A fifth man who was slightly wounded is progressing favourably. We may here express our deep sympathy with the ship's company in this sad occurrence, and with the relatives and friends of the victims so suddenly sent into eternity.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your at by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth, go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to the taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pains, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other cause. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s. 6d. per bottle.

FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

WOMEN who have high cheek-bones should always select bonnets somewhat broad and square, never narrower than the face, and never wear any pointed headdress, nor should their hair be parted and flatly drawn back. Something square rising at each side of the head, somewhat in the shape of an Alsatian bow, should be selected for a bonnet ; the bandeaux waved and raised at the sides. These are the best means to make the cheek-bones appear smaller.

A correspondent of the "Gentlewoman," writing from Cimiez, says that preparations are well advanced for the reception of the Queen. The hotel, painted a dazzling white, stands on its eminence, to be sighted from all the country round. Nothing could be lovelier in effect than at night, when the wing occupied by Her Majesty is illuminated. A royal crown of electric light has been placed above the Queen's windows. The jewels, copied exactly from the English Crown Jewels, are in all the correct colours, and shed forth dazzling rays of the diamond, the emerald, and the ruby into the darkness.

A writer on fashions says that black and white by way of evening dresses can seldom be wrong, and a black evening gown, to her mind, is the smartest attire to be found. A clever woman may achieve an air of distinction and individuality by always garbing herself in those magpie shades, either separately or combined. To the woman whose purse is not deeply lined, a good black evening gown is the best investment she can make, as she may don it times without number without becoming a landmark to her friends ; she may do it up, re-trim it, and turn it, and it will always prove fair and acceptable, black, but comely.

Said a well-known actress the other day :—I wish I could convey to you the reeling of distress and horror that sweeps over me on my first few appearances when I saw opera glasses levelled at me. I felt that I was being analysed, dissected as it were, and my lines seemed to stick in my throat. I complained to one of the company, and she said, Well, you are silly. Why, you're young and pretty. Quite as pretty off the stage as on. Let them look. But if you were old, and trying to look young—if you felt, as many do, that those dreadful glasses were piercing through your make-up and picking out the seamy side of everything,—then, indeed, you might feel uncomfortable. I hate them ; that's what I do !

There is a great deal of talk just now among the society dames of New York about the costume ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin. The ball was on a scale of magnificence seldom seen even among wealthy Americans. It was in no sense a "fancy dress ball, as it was the express desire of the hostess that the costumes should be such as were worn in the various Courts of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, and, of course, nymphs and water-sprites, queens of the night Cinderellas and peasant maids will not be agreeable, though a Court jester might be permissible. An extensive suite of rooms in one of the most fashionable hotels was engaged. Costumiers and perruquiers put the finishing touches to costumes and wigs that crushed in the journey from house to hotel. All the attendants were in liveries of the Louis XIV. period, and the rooms were decorated with rare tapestries and objects d'art, so the hotel resembled a palace. The cost is estimated at £52,000.

The effect of the smart skating rinks on the character of afternoon dress has been to render it both gay and elaborate ; gay in colour, and elaborate in design. Every variety of trimming, including silver and gold, steel and crystal, cord by the yard, bands of expensive fur, enamelled and jewelled buttons, is lappied to their ornamentation, and the skill which combines all these effects is not the least expensive item in the whole. One of the latest models of afternoon or walking dress is composed by a distinctive Parisian firm of blue and white shepherd's plaid, a material which is to be in very great favour for the next two months or so, whether in brown and white, black and white, green and white crimson and white or as in the above, blue and white. The novelty of the composition consists in a wide pleat which, commencing at the neck, narrows towards the waist and appears again on the skirt, where it widens in the fashion of a tablier towards the feet. A similar pleat trims the back of the dress the whole of the skirt being absolutely plain and fitting with exactitude below the waist. The front pleat affords an opportunity for applying some of the really beautiful buttons that are now such a feature in fashionable dress. Four of these appear to fasten down the wide pleat on the upper part of the chest, and four more just below the waist. This dress is lined with silk of a tapestry tone of blue, much lighter and less decisive than that shade which appears in the material itself, and the high collar is lined with a similar soft tone, the sleeves being turned back at the wrist with cuffs to match.

A black and white shepherd's plain is made with a plain skirt and one of the new short coats with Watteau pleat at the back, tightly fitting at the sides and in front, where they are turned back with revers from a closely-fitting waistcoat, the latter carried down below the waist and ending in two divergent points. In this instance the revers were composed of bright cardinal bengaline embroidered with jet and steel, and the high and rather full collar was lined with the same colour. The vest was white cloth braided all over in cardinal. A mauve and white shepherd's plaid is lined with pale sky blue, and has a waistcoat in this latter tint embroidered on the upper part in gold braid and finished with gold braid round the points. The buttons are fine enamel in pale blue, with diamond centres. These illustrate show how much fancy and elaboration are lavished upon a style of costume that at one time could not be too severely simple.

The princess dress makes much greater head-way in Paris than in London, but we shall probably see much of it next autumn, if not before. At a fashionable wedding which took place in Paris a few days since, nearly all the elder ladies wore velvets or satins cut princess shape, and there was considerable unanimity in the manner of concealing the fastening by making the bodice fold over from right to left, and edging it with fur, the latter being continued down the whole of the skirt and sometimes carried round it as well. In the case of a crimson velvet trimmed in this way with Russian sable, the effect was very handsome. A black satin gown carried out in almost similar fashion, was finished with chinchilla, the softly pleated high collar being lined in with pink ostrich feather. The little muff, composed of chinchilla, ostrich feathers, gardenias, and black satin ribbons lined with white formed an attractive item in this costume.

Harlequin bridesmaids are coming into fashion again in France, and apparently in America. At recent wedding the bridesmaids formed an extremely pretty group, comprising six young girls, each of whom was attired in the colour of a spring flower One was all pale green, with relief of white satin and lace; another was clad in yellow, the tint of a newly unfolded crocus; the third wore mauve in the deep tint of that flower; and a fourth had also chosen mauve, but in the paler tone. The fifth might have represented a snow drop, in her white cloth gown trimmed with palest green and worn with a white felt hat also trimmed with green, and trimmed with a foam of feathers, white and green. The sixth, in almond blossom pink, completed the list of early spring tints, and the effect of this harlequin arrangement was so admirable that it will probably be frequently copied more or less literally.

The high collars have led to the adoption of pretty and becoming silk ties, which pass round the narrower portion of these and bind them in closely to the neck. In Paris the rage of the moment is for tartan ties, but in England plain colours or mixtures of Indian tints are preferred. Dark green barred with amber and crimson, for instance, formed the tie which passed round a fawn coat with high collar seen at Wembley Park during the skating. Some times the ends are edged with lace, black or cream tinted, but quite as often they are untrimmed.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

FEBRUARY 26.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, interrupted.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon 34, Vlimoria, perfect.

Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond the British frontier between Chungking and Wanshin.

Cable Assab Massauah, interrupted. Telegrams between Assab and Massauah are transported by boat.

On Monday, Sir A. Havelock was at Guntakul, and spent about two hours in minutely inspecting and inquiring into matters connected with the relief works and kitchens at Chippagiri. In the afternoon His Excellency received an address from the Gooty People's Association touching principally on famine matters. In the course of his reply, which dealt specifically with the various points in the address, Sir Arthur Havelock said : "I may tell you that I have during the last three days made a very close examination of three of our relief works. At the first of these the work has been in progress for a few weeks. There I observed generally a spirit of cheerfulness and an absence of a great number of complaints. Such complaints as were made were on matters with which the Government are already acquainted and remedies for which are under consideration. My second visit was to the relief work close to the town of Adoni. There among the distressed there appeared to be a listless attitude, and an appearance of losing the outward signs of health owing possibly to want of sufficient nutriment, and there, I think, we shall be able to apply certain remedies which the Collector has suggested." Regarding the task and wage questions and other matters referred to, His Excellency pointed out that the famine code was being liberally worked. He added : "I thank you for the information given on the various points connected with the working of the Famine Code. Government is already fairly well furnished with advisers on this subject, and in the midst of a great army of counsellors it is rather difficult, sometimes to arrive at a right decision. We can only do our best to select from the information and wealth of advice the real gems."

A Wonderful Invention is one which, whilst being useful to the world, has hardly before been dreamt of by scientific men. Many astonishing proposals have frequently been made with reference to a revolution in our already rapid means of locomotion, but nothing practical has yet been effected. No doubt the time will come when a trip between London and New York will seem like a pleasant excursion of a few hours duration. The ingenuity of man can accomplish wonders, and there is no telling when its limit will be reached. It will be difficult, however, to produce anything more wounderful than Holloway's Pills and Ointment. As sterling remedies for all complaints nothing can equal them.

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And Tired
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NATURE'S REVOLT.. FEVER-STRICKEN !!

THE GOLDFIELDS.

"How quickly Nature falls into revolt when Gold becomes her object!"—*Shakespeare.*

"In Life's Play the Player of the Other Side is hidden from us. We know that his Play is always Fair, Just, and Patient, but we also know to Our Cost that he Never Overlooks a Mistake. *It is for you to find out WHY YOUR EARS ARE BOXED.*"—HUXLEY.

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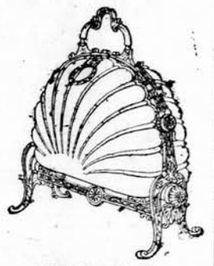

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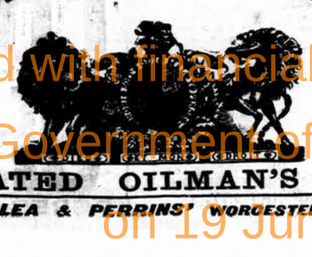

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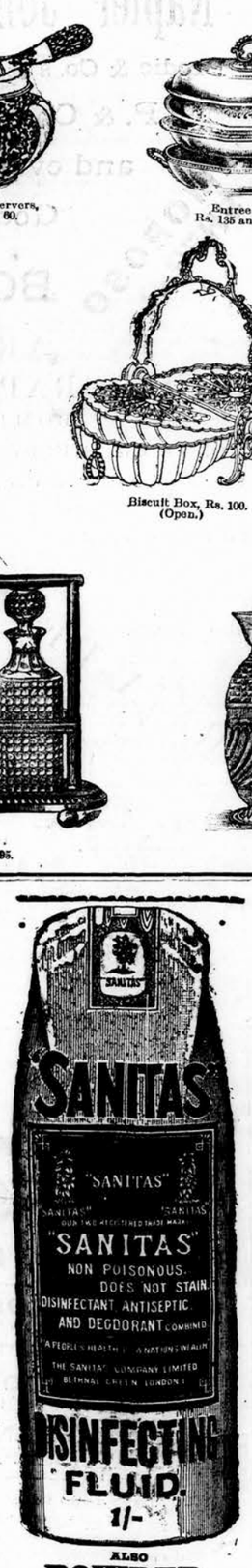

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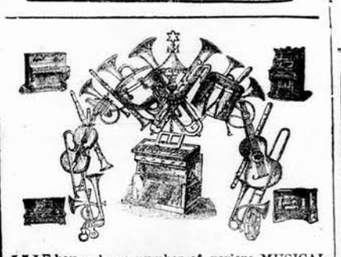

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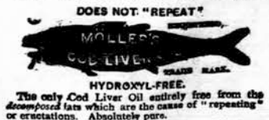

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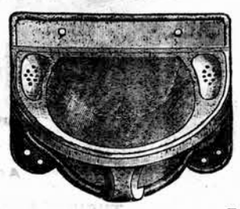

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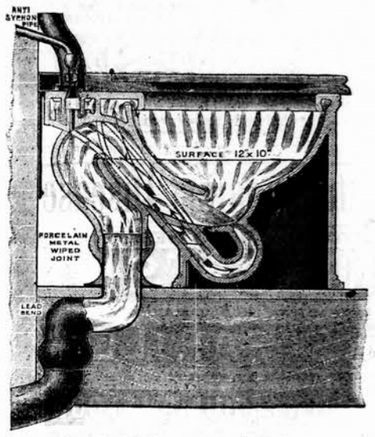

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